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The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 13, 1939, concerning a request for investigation emanating from Congressman Oscar Chapman of the Special Committee of the House on Un-American Activities, to determine whether a number of organizations have violated the provisions of the Act of June 8, 1938, which requires the registration of agents of foreign principals, and in connection with the arrangement which has been made for a representative of this Department to examine certain files on the organizations mentioned in Mr. Dies' letter, consulting with officials of the War Department, in order that a decision might be reached as to which three of these organizations should be investigated in the first instance.

I regret that through a misunderstanding in this Department the examination of the files and the conferences which were contemplated were not arranged for. I am, however, pleased to advise you at this time that upon my instructions, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mr. John Edgar Hoover, has today designated Assistant Director Edward A. Tamm of that Bureau to confer with Mr. Joseph G. Green, Chief of the Office of Arms and Munitions Control of your Department. Arrangements have been made for an inter-departmental conference of these officials at 10:30 A.M., on March 16, 1939. You may be assured that this matter will receive immediate attention in this Department.

Sincerely yours,

Attorney General

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

March 12, 1939

My Dear Mr. Attorney General:

On November 29, 1938, I sent a letter to the Attorney General, enclosing a copy of a letter of November 26, from Mr. Dies, Chairman of the Special Committee of the House on Un-American Activities. In his letter Mr. Dies gave information in regard to a number of organizations which he believed should have registered with the Secretary of State in compliance with the provisions of the Act of June 8, 1938, requiring the registration of agents of foreign principals. You may remember that this correspondence was discussed at the meeting of the Cabinet on January 4, 1939, and that the President decided that an investigation of some of the cases of alleged failure to comply with the law should be undertaken immediately and that it might well to begin by investigating one Fascist organization, one Communist organization, and one organization

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The Honorable

Frank Murphy,

Attorney General

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avowedly under the influence of any foreign ideology but in fact under that influence as a result of "boring from within". In his press conference on January 6, the President announced that the investigation was under way.

It was my understanding, from what was said in Cabinet and from conversations which I and other officers of the Department had immediately afterwards with Mr. McMahon, that your Department planned to send an investigator immediately to examine our files on the organizations mentioned in Mr. Dies' letter and to consult with officers of this Department, in order that a decision might be reached as to which three of those organizations should be investigated in the first instance. Since those conversations we have heard nothing more of the matter. I am writing to you to bring it to your attention with the thought that you may wish to take some action in regard to it. We are prepared to cooperate fully with any representative of your Department who may be assigned to examine the pertinent documents in our files.

Sincerely yours

/s/ ~~Summer~~ ~~Valles~~

Acting Secretary

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March 15, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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With regard to the letter addressed to you under date of March 13, 1939 by Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles concerning a request for investigation into the question of whether a number of organizations referred to in a letter dated November 26 from Christian Dies, Chairman of the Special Committee of the House on Un-American Activities, have violated the provisions of the Act of 1940, requiring the registration of agents of foreign principalities, I must advise you that no request has been received in Washington requesting the initiation of the investigation described. Mr. Dies' letter that some agreement was reached whereby the Department of Justice agreed to send to the State Department's files pertaining to the organizations mentioned in Mr. Dies' letter in order that a determination be reached as to which three of those organizations should be investigated in the first instance. It is further noted that the State Department has not been contacted by the Department of Justice pursuant to this agreement.

I have carefully reviewed all of the Bureau files pertaining to organizations of this kind without finding any date which appears to be related to the investigation outlined in Mr. Dies' letter of March 13, 1939. I have ascertained however that under date of March 30, 1939 the Criminal Division of the Department requested me to conduct an investigation to determine whether the organizations or persons were engaged in activities of such a nature as would require them to register pursuant to Public Act No. 17, Seventy-fifth Congress, approved on June 8, 1938:

Ashik Corporation
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Court Marshal Vorstsky
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to be conducted at the present time. It is noted that the independent data in the files of the State Department are upon any information furnished by the

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Under date of January 3, 1939 Assistant Attorney General McShen addressed to me the following memorandum:

"Your attention is directed to the investigation of un-American propaganda and activities in the United States reported in the Hearings Before a Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Volumes 1 and 2 of which have already been printed.

"Congressman Dies has requested the State Department to make an investigation to determine whether certain organizations are agents of foreign principals required to register with the Secretary of State and whether any of such organizations by failing so to register have violated the Act of June 8, 1938 (U. S. Code, Title 22, Section 233a, et seq.). The State Department has referred the matter to this Department for appropriate action.

"The following is a list of organizations suspected of being agents of foreign principals: National Civil Liberties League, International Labor Defense, League for Peace and Democracy, Workers' International Relief, Friends of Soviet Union, North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, Friends of Abraham Lincoln Brigade, Society to Aid Spanish Democracy, American Society for Technical Aid to Spanish Democracy, International Workers' Order, American Student Union, Young Communist League, Young Pioneers of America, League for Industrial Democracy, The Kaki Shirts, The Silver Shirts, The Italian Fascists, The American Fascists, The American Aryan Folk Association, American Guard, The American League of the Friends of Nazi Germany, and the American Nationalist Socialist Party.

"A cursory examination of the Hearings before the Dies Committee discloses sufficient cause to believe that at least one or more of these organizations and the individuals connected with them have violated the laws of the United States. For instance, the testimony of Edwin P. Bente on pages 993, 994, 999, 1000, 1001, and 1009, of Volume 2 of the Hearings indicates the possibility of a conspiracy to restrict employment on the Federal Works Project only to persons who are members of the Workers' Alliance (R.1009). 'This division of the Workers' Alliance is the unemployed division of the Workers' Alliance.' Bente's testimony also indicates the diversion of public funds to persons who instead of performing work on the project conducted Communist activities in New Jersey and elsewhere (R.992-993) and published Communist pamphlets and documents at public expense (R.1000). There is much testimony in the records that indicates

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that the Workers' Alliance is a Communist-controlled organization.

"You will, therefore, please investigate as soon as possible into the existence of a conspiracy on the part of the Communist Party or the Workers' Alliance or the personnel of the Federal Writers' Project of New York City, and any or all other individuals connected with any of these organizations, to unlawfully divert public funds to non-governmental purposes, whether Communistic or otherwise.

"Since there were very few copies of the Hearings printed and because you may have difficulty in obtaining copies, I am forwarding you under separate cover photostatic copies of the pages of the record to which reference has been made for your use until you shall have obtained copies of the record from the Dies Committee or elsewhere."

Upon receiving the above described memorandum I was in considerable doubt as to just what investigation was desired in connection with this matter and accordingly on January 8, 1939 I forwarded to Mr. McMahon the following memorandum:

"I am in receipt of your memorandum of January 3, 1939, in which you direct my attention to the investigation of un-American propaganda and activities in the United States reported in the Hearings before a Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Volumes 1 and 2. It is noted that you further state that Congressman Dies has requested the State Department to make an investigation to determine whether certain organizations are agents of foreign principals required to register with the Secretary of State and whether any of such organizations by failing to so register have violated the Act of June 8, 1938 (U. S. Code, Title 22, Section 233a, et seq.). You state that a list of 22 organizations is suspected of being agents of foreign principals.

"It is noted that you have requested, however, investigation only of the statements made by Edwin P. Banta as to whether there is a conspiracy on the part of the Communist Party or the Workers' Alliance or the personnel of the Federal Writers' Project of New York City, or any or all individuals connected with any of these organizations, to unlawfully divert public funds to non-governmental purposes, whether Communistic or otherwise. This investigation will be initiated by the Bureau.

"In view of the fact that no request has been received from you to investigate the allegations that the organizations mentioned

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in the third paragraph of your memorandum of January 3, 1939, are agents of foreign principals required to register with the Secretary of State, no investigative action will be taken on this phase of your memorandum of January 3, 1939."

Thereafter under date of January 6, 1939 Mr. McMahon requested an investigation into certain testimony given during the course of the Dies Committee's investigation indicating that members of Nazi Groups were engaged in espionage activities and Mr. McMahon requested that an appropriate investigation of this testimony be initiated including the activities of William Dudley Pelley of Ashville, North Carolina, leader of the so-called "Silver Shirts." Upon receiving this memorandum I addressed to Mr. McMahon a memorandum under date of January 8, 1939 in which I states:

"I am in receipt of your memorandum of January 6, 1939 dealing with further investigative activity desired by you of certain matters arising in the so-called 'Dies Committee investigation.' It is noted that in substance you desire an investigation to be made on those portions of the statements of Committee Investigator John C. Metcalfe which contain allegations made by this Investigator that Nazi groups are engaging in espionage activities, and secondly you request that an investigation be made of the membership, activity and connections of the 'Silver-shirts' with German Bunds. These two investigations will be initiated by the Bureau.

"In order that there may be a clear understanding as to exactly what the Federal Bureau of Investigation is investigating in connection with matters arising under the so-called 'Dies Committee investigation,' I am recapitulating the three matters under investigation:

1. The testimony of Edwin P. Santa on pages 993, 994, 999, 1000, 1004 and 1009 of Volume 2 of the Hearings of the Dies Committee, in which testimony it is alleged that there is a possibility of a conspiracy to restrict employment on the Federal Writers' Project only to persons who are members of the Workers' Alliance, the testimony also alleging that there is an indication of diversion of public funds to persons who, instead of performing work on the project, conducted Communist activities in New Jersey and elsewhere and published communist publications at public expense.
2. An investigation of the allegations of Committee Investigator Metcalfe that Nazi groups are engaging in espionage activities within the United States.

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3. An investigation of the activities, membership and connections of the 'Silvershirts' with German Bunds in the United States."

It does not appear from the Bureau files that any information concerning an examination of the files of the Department of State was furnished to this Bureau and consequently no investigation has been conducted. I frankly was apprehensive that some misunderstanding might occur in connection with this matter and consequently I brought to the attention of the Criminal Division on January 8, 1939 the exact scope of the investigation being initiated by the Bureau in order that if any further or other investigation was desired or expected it might be initiated.

I have ascertained today that this matter was handled in the State Department by Mr. Joseph C. Green, Chief of the Office of Arms and Munitions Control. Mr. Green has advised a Bureau official that he conferred with Assistant Attorney General McMahon about this matter orally on January 4, 5 and 6 and that Mr. McMahon informed him that he would send someone to the State Department for the purpose of consulting State Department officials concerning this situation and examining the files of the State Department for the purpose of determining what facts or information were contained therein. Mr. Green has advised the Bureau that the State Department has never been contacted by the Department of Justice in connection with this particular situation. I have made arrangements whereby Assistant Director Edward A. Tamm of the Bureau will confer with Mr. Joseph C. Green, Chief of the Office of Arms and Munitions Control at 10:30 A.M. on March 16 in order that this situation will be clarified at once and appropriate investigation initiated upon the subject matter of the State Department's request.

You may be assured that this matter will receive immediate, prompt and thorough attention in the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director

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I telephonically communicated with Miss Clarkson, Secretary of the Assistant Secretary of State, and advised her that I was in receipt of a letter over Mr. Welles' signature, dated March 13th, addressed to the Attorney General, concerning a matter involving a request for investigation of certain testimony of the Dies Committee and dealing with the registration of agents of foreign principals with the State Department and in which statement is made that a Conference with some representatives of the State Department is desired in connection with this matter.

I asked Miss Clarkson if she would advise me who in the State Department was interested in this situation and to whom I might talk concerning a Conference. Miss Clarkson said that on first thought she would refer me to Mr. Joseph Green.

Miss Clarkson transferred my call to Mr. Green's office and since he was not present at the time of this call, I left instructions that he call me at the Bureau.

Mr. Joseph C. Green is Chief, Office of Arms and Munitions Control.

E. A. Tamm

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Joseph C. Green of the Office of Arms and Munitions Control of the State Department stating that I had before me a letter of March 12, addressed to the Attorney General over the signature of Sumner Welles pertaining to a letter of November 26, from Mr. Dies, Chairman of the Special Committee in the House on Un-American Activities in connection with an investigation of agents with foreign principals. I told Green that it was apparent from the State Department's letter that there was to be a conference or that an investigator was to be sent over to examine the files of the State Department on organizations mentioned in Mr. Dies letter, and that the State Department's letter states that nothing more has been heard from the Department of Justice. I informed Green that evidently there has been some miscarriage in the plans because the matter of a conference with the State Department or an examination of the files has never been referred to us.

Mr. Green informed that he had talked this matter over at considerable length with Mr. McMahon on January 4, 5 and 6 and that he was going to send someone he had in mind over, the idea being that this person would look through the files of the State Department and consult with them and then select three organizations as the President directed, but that he had never heard anything more from the Department of Justice about the matter.

I told Mr. Green that we are most anxious to go into the thing thoroughly and entirely and that the Attorney General has instructed you to designate me to represent him at a conference with whomever is familiar with this matter in the Department of State. Mr. Green said that his office is familiar with the matter and an appointment was made for 10:30 A.M., on March 16, for me and someone best informed about the matter to call at the office of Mr. Green in order that someone can be started reviewing the files.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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RE: INVESTIGATION OF AGENTS
OF FOREIGN PRINCIPALS

The purpose of this memorandum is to make a matter of record the visit of Mr. E. A. Tamm and Mr. K. R. McIntire of the Bureau to the Department of State on March 16, 1939. At this time Messrs. Tamm and McIntire interviewed Mr. Joseph C. Green, Chief, Office of Arms and Munitions Control, Room 360 $\frac{1}{2}$, Department of State. Attending this conference were also Charles W. Yost, Assistant Chief, Division of Control, and L. H. Price, whose title is unknown but who is employed in the same office.

Mr. Tamm explained our mission advising that it was the Bureau's desire to clarify any misunderstanding which had occurred with reference to the investigation of agents of foreign principals, which appears to have been requested by the State Department some time ago. Mr. Green briefly summarized the situation, which will be explained in full detail hereinafter from information taken from the official records of the Department of State. A brief discussion was entered into as to the organizations which should be investigated. It was decided that Mr. McIntire should go over the material in the possession of the State Department and discuss these matters with State Department representatives, ascertaining their views as to the proper organizations to be investigated. When this decision was to have been reached, Mr. McIntire was to contact Mr. Tamm, advising him of this fact so that appropriate consideration could be given to the decision by the Bureau and that such further conferences between Mr. Tamm and Mr. Green might follow, which would determine definitely the identity of the organizations to be investigated.

Accordingly, Mr. McIntire reviewed certain files made available to him by Messrs. Yost and Price. No information of any value was contained therein with reference to the activities of agents of foreign principals. The following, however, is set out in order to show completely the progress of the present controversy.

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There is a memorandum in the State Department files of Charles W. Yost, dated November 26, 1938, showing that on that date Congressman Dies phoned him asking if the following organizations were registered as

Be sure the investigations of the organizations selected are pressed with vigor & made special. The unwarranted delay in the Criminal Division makes it all the more imperative.

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agents of foreign principals:

German-American Bund
~~X~~ Communist Party
~~X~~ American League for Peace and
Democracy
~~X~~ International Labor Defense.

Mr. Yost advised that these organizations were not registered.

The files further reflected a letter of Congressman Dies to Secretary of State Hull, dated November 26, 1938, in which Mr. Dies mentioned generally the possibility of the following organizations being agents of foreign principals:

Communist Party
American League for Peace and Democracy
International Labor Defense
~~X~~ American Civil Liberties Union
German-American Bund.

In part, Mr. Dies stated as follows:

"We feel you have no difficulty in securing cooperation from the Department of Justice in the enforcement of this Act."

Dies further disclosed in his letter that there are some twenty-five letters which pass between the Chicago Post of the German-American Bund and the Nazi Government. Dies also stated, in part:

"We do not have time or help to digest the evidence with respect to the relation between these 'front' organizations and the Communist Party of the U.S.A. and Third International. However, your Department and the Department of Justice can do this."

It is, therefore, my earnest request that at an early date you instruct the Department of Justice, or any other appropriate agency, to proceed with the indictment of these various organizations and that they be prosecuted for failure to comply with this Act of Congress."

Dies further stated:

"Among the 'front' organizations which I suggest you should investigate in connection with this Act of Congress are the

- ~~X~~Workers International Relief
- ~~X~~Friends of Soviet Union
- ~~X~~North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy
- ~~X~~American Society for Technical Aid to Spain
- ~~X~~Friends of Abraham Lincoln Brigade
- ~~X~~Society to Aid Spanish Democracy
- ~~X~~International Workers Order
- ~~X~~American Student Union
- ~~X~~Young Communist League
- ~~X~~Young Pioneers of America
- ~~X~~League for Industrial Democracy
- ~~X~~Kaki Shirts
- ~~X~~Silver Shirts
- ~~X~~The Italian Fascists
- ~~X~~The American Fascists
- ~~X~~The American Aryan Folk Association (Portland, Oregon)
- ~~X~~The American Guard
- ~~X~~American League of Friends of New Germany (Portland, Oregon)
- ~~X~~American National Socialist Party."

The Department of State's files reflect a letter of Sumner Welles to Congressman Dies, dated November 29, 1938, which acknowledged Mr. Dies' letter of November 26, 1938, mentioned above. Briefly Mr. Welles stated that the function of the State Department is purely administrative; that the investigation of cases and their prosecution are, of course, functions of the Department of Justice; that a copy of Dies' letter of November 26, 1938, had, therefore, been sent to the Attorney General for his consideration and such action he might deem appropriate.

The State Department files also disclose a letter of Sumner Welles to the Attorney General, dated November 29, 1938, in which he stated:

"I enclose for your information and such action as you may deem appropriate a copy of a letter of November 26, 1938, addressed to me by the Honorable Martin Dies, Representative in Congress, from the Second District of Texas and Chairman of the Committee Investigating Un-American Activities, in regard to organizations which he believes should have registered in compliance with the provisions of the Act of June 8, 1938, requiring the registration of agents of foreign principals.

There are enclosed also a copy of my reply thereto and two copies of the rules and regulations which have been issued pursuant to the Act. I should appreciate it if you would inform me from time to time of any action which you may take in regard to this matter. Should you desire to designate someone to examine the files of the Department relating to the organizations mentioned in Mr. Dies' letter, the Chief of the Office of Arms and Munitions Control will be prepared to make them available to him for examination."

The files further contain a memorandum of Joseph C. Green, mentioned above, of January 5, 1939, which states that Mr. McMahon of the Department of Justice called Mr. Green, asking him to clarify the President's request at a Cabinet meeting of January 4th, at which time the request of Congressman Dies, contained in the latter's letter of November 26, 1938, was discussed. Mr. McMahon told Mr. Green that Mr. Frank Murphy, the new Attorney General, was new and didn't understand fully all of the details of the matter discussed at the President's Cabinet meeting on January 4, 1939. Green told McMahon that the President wished to announce the investigation publicly, but did not intend to specify the organizations to be investigated. Green further told McMahon it was his understanding that the President wished the Department of Justice to begin its operation by investigating one case involving a Fascist organization, one case involving a Communist organization and one case involving an organization not avowedly under the influence of any foreign ideology but in fact under that influence as a result of "boring from within."

McMahon said that this explanation clarified the situation for him and asked what cases should be used for the initial investigation. To this Green replied that he was not prepared to say but suggested that McMahon send someone from the Department of Justice to see him, Green, as soon as possible to go over the material in the State Department files. Green added that after a representative of the Department of Justice had examined the State Department files and had discussed the situation with those interested at the State Department, he might be in a better position to select the particular cases to be investigated immediately. Green added to McMahon that he would cooperate fully with any one whom McMahon might wish to send and would give such advice as he could.

Now quoting from Mr. Green's memorandum:

"Mr. McMahon said that he would send someone to see me in the very near future."

The State Department files also reflect a memorandum of Joseph C. Green, dated January 21, 1939, to the Under Secretary of State. In

this memorandum he advised the Under Secretary of State that over two weeks ago the Under Secretary had informed him, Green, that the Department of Justice would investigate three cases of those suggested by Mr. Dies in his letter to the Secretary of State, dated November 26, 1938; that an agent of the Department of Justice would visit Green in his office within the next few days; that on January 5, 1939, Mr. McMahon called Mr. Green by phone and discussed the proposed procedure and said that he would send an agent to Green's office within a day or so.

The last piece of correspondence on file at the State Department of any significance to this matter is a letter of Sumner Welles to the Attorney General, dated March 13, 1939. The first portion of the letter states that on November 29, 1938, Welles sent a letter to the Attorney General enclosing a letter of Congressman Dies of November 26, 1938, which showed a number of organizations which Mr. Dies believed should be registered. He pointed out that this Dies correspondence of November 26, 1938, was discussed at a Cabinet meeting on January 4, 1939, at which time the President stated it was his desire that some of the cases reported by Dies should be investigated immediately; that it might be well to begin by investigating one Fascist organization, one Communist organization and one organization not avowedly under the influence of any foreign ideology, but in fact under that influence as a result of "boring from within." The letter further stated that at the President's Press Conference of January 6, 1939, the President announced that an investigation was under way. The letter further stated that it was Mr. Welles' understanding that the Department of Justice planned to have an investigator examine State Department files on the organizations mentioned by Mr. Dies and consult with officers of the State Department, in order that a decision might be reached as to which three of those organizations should be investigated in the first instance.

For the purpose of clarifying the above a bit further, it should be stated that at the inception of the conference of Messrs. Tamm and McIntire with Mr. Joseph C. Green and Messrs. Yost and Price, Green stated that upon the receipt of the letter of Congressman Dies of November 26, 1938, he frankly didn't know what to do with it and for that reason dispatched the letter signed by Welles to the Attorney General on November 29, 1938, concerning which Green stated frankly that he "passed the buck." He further said that Brien McMahon called him telephonically soon thereafter, alleging that he Green had "passed the buck" and that he, McMahon, desired to know just what course of action he should take. At that time and the date of that telephone conversation is not known, Green advised Messrs. Tamm and McIntire that he told Brien McMahon that if the latter would send an agent to the

State Department to go over its records, it might be possible to determine which of the organizations should be investigated. To this McMahon stated he would have someone from the Department of Justice visit Mr. Green within the next few days and go over the information in the possession of the State Department.

Green further informed Messrs. Tamm and McIntire that some time thereafter he held another telephone conversation with Mr. McMahon, the latter again advising that he would have someone from the Department of Justice review pertinent information at the Department of State, but that he, McMahon had to leave town on the Muscia case, for a few days and as soon as he got back he would have someone contact the State Department. The third and last call of McMahon to Green appears to be that one mentioned above on January 5, 1939, when McMahon asked Green to clarify the President's request at the Cabinet meeting of January 4, 1939.

After an examination of the files stated above, Mr. McIntire, accompanied by Messrs. Yost and Price conferred with Mr. Robert E. X. Murphy. It appears that Mr. Murphy is the man to whom the State Department refers all radical and subversive matters and it further appears that the Department will be guided by his opinion as to which organizations ought to be investigated on the basis of agents of foreign principals. It was his opinion that the Bureau ought to investigate the German-American Bund as representing the Fascist side of the picture and the Communist Party itself as representing the Communist side of the picture. Neither of the three gentlemen at the conference were able to determine the third organization which ought to be investigated. Accordingly, Mr. Murphy suggested that they discuss this matter this afternoon mutually and that Mr. McIntire would call Mr. Murphy tomorrow morning to ascertain his decision.

Mr. McIntire after conferring with Mr. Murphy will hold a conference with Mr. Green and if the decisions of Mr. Murphy with reference to the investigation of the German-American Bund, the Communist Party and a third organization are agreeable with Mr. Green, Mr. McIntire will assure him that an investigation to determine whether these organizations are acting as agents of foreign principals will be instituted immediately.

Respectfully,


E. A. Tamm.

March 16, 1939

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Time: 2:45 P.M. MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

German American Bund - Gent

I conferred with SAC Brantley at New York and advised him that you wanted preference given immediately to all investigations pending which were requested by the State Department or were predicated upon the ~~the~~ Dies Committee Testimony.

I also advised Mr. Brantley that Starr and Rosen are to have their report to the Bureau in the next couple of days.

With reference to a telegram sent Mr. Brantley yesterday to give immediate attention to three or four cases involving failure to register on the part of propagandists with the State Department, I instructed Mr. Brantley to take some men off of anything and to get these cases completed at once.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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Mr. D. Brantley
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

For the information of the New York office the matters referred to hereinbelow were likewise contained in Bureau letter of January 16, 1939, directed under personal and confidential cover to Mr. D. W. Ladd of the Chicago office relating to several matters, one of which was a requested interview with John C. Metcalfe concerning certain espionage activities in the United States.

For the information of the Washington Field office and the Milwaukee office advice is herewith furnished to the effect that the Bureau has received a memorandum from Mr. Brian McMahon, Assistant Attorney General, in which he requested that investigation be conducted of certain espionage activities. Among other things Mr. McMahon directed the Bureau's attention to the testimony of Arnold Gingrich when he appeared before the Dies Committee Investigating Un-American Activities.

For purposes of this particular investigation the attention of the offices receiving copies of this letter is specifically directed to that testimony of Arnold Gingrich appearing on pages 1232, 1233 and 1234 of the Dies Hearings. Photostatic copies of pages 1221 to 1235, inclusive, are being furnished herewith to the Milwaukee and Washington Field offices, it being noted that identical copies were furnished to the New York and Chicago offices on January 16, 1939.

It will be noted that on pages 1232, 1233 and 1234, Gingrich makes reference to the alleged espionage activities of Edward James Saythe, Chairman of the National Committee Against Communism, and Ernst Goerner. Your attention is also directed to the letters introduced by Gingrich which were allegedly sent by Saythe to Goerner. Please also note the officers of the National Committee Against Communism listed on page 1237 of the Hearings.

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Mr. D. Brantley

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It is my desire that an immediate, thorough and complete investigation be instituted concerning any alleged espionage activities on the part of both Smythe and Goerner.

The Chicago office is being requested herewith to reinterview Arnold Gingrich in an effort to obtain copies of the letters which Gingrich furnished to the Dies Committee.

For the confidential information and assistance of the offices receiving copies of this letter there are being enclosed herewith copies of memoranda on both Smythe and Goerner prepared by the Bureau. The data contained in these memoranda have been obtained from confidential sources, for which reason no part of the memoranda should be contained in a formal report to the Bureau recording the results of the requested investigation. You are specifically advised that the memoranda are furnished only for information purposes and as a source for possible leads.

Foreign Agent
The attention of the Milwaukee office is directed to the allegation that attached to literature which Goerner sends out are copies of a publication known as "World-Service". "World-Service" is a German-Nazi propaganda sheet published at Erfurt, Germany. The fact that Goerner distributes "World-Service" would seem to indicate that he may be acting in the capacity of an agent of a foreign principal under the terms of the Act approved June 8, 1938, requiring the registration of agents of foreign principals with the Secretary of State at Washington, D. C. I wish that you would pay particular attention to this matter and obtain full details with reference thereto.

The attention of the Milwaukee office is likewise directed to the statement that a reprint of an article by Goerner entitled, "The Pending Revolution," which appeared in the Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, was reprinted in the publication entitled "National American," dated October, 1938, which is the official organ of the American National-Socialist Party, having national headquarters at 147 East 116th Street, New York City. You should bear in mind the possibility of Goerner being an agent of the American National-Socialist Party which might implicate him as being an agent of a foreign principal. For your information the officers of the American National-Socialist Party are as follows:

Managing Editor	- Peter H. Stahrenberg
Associate Editors	- D. B. Milford
	G. F. Patrick
Art Editor	- W. E. Becker
Advertising Manager	- D. Gasparro
Secretary	- Madeline Cottrell .

Mr. D. Brantley.

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The October, 1938 issue of "National American," page 4 declares:

"Our foreign news is supplied by the following news services:

World-Service
X Bombay Press Service
X Anti-Bolshevism."

The program of the "National American" is stated to be:

"The United States of America - one nation and one people - racially pure; economically secure; socially just; and politically unified.

The American National-Socialist Party is dedicated to the realization of these ideals."

For the information of the Milwaukee office pages 107 and 108 of the final report of the Dies Committee to Congress, dated January 3, 1939, refer to Ernst Goerner of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and allege that packages coming to the United States from abroad contain printed material from the pen of Ernst Goerner. This would seem to indicate that Goerner might be acting as an ~~agent~~ of a foreign principal.

Again it is reiterated that the information contained in this letter and the memoranda attached hereto is only for your confidential information and as a source for possible leads.

This investigation must be completed within one week of the receipt of this letter.

Copies of all literature available with reference to Smythe and Goerner should be obtained and if possible three copies of the same should be furnished to the Bureau. Five copies of all reports in this matter should also be submitted to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

CC - Washington Field
Milwaukee - Air Mail (with enclosures)
Chicago " "
" "

April 18, 1938

EDWARD JAMES SMYTHE

Smythe is reported to be a notorious Anti-Semite. He has promised pogroms against the Jews that will make " - the bloody purge of Hitler look like a picnic". In 1934, Smythe operated an organization known as the "Protestant Civic Welfare Federation" of which he was Executive Secretary. His office is located at 516 Fifth Avenue, New York City. On November 9, 1934, he wrote a letter to General Smedley D. Butler declaring that " - the present system of Government was organized - by Bernard M. Baruch, Felix Frankfurter, a Hungarian-Jew-Communist, U. S. Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis, Professor Rex. Tugwell, another Jew, and Henry Morgenthau, Sr. (all five Jews) nine months before even Roosevelt was nominated".

The letter is reported to have continued as follows: "The International Jewish Clique rewrote the constitution of the Republic of Germany, and jammed it down sixty-eight million German Christians, and enslaved them, economically, socially and politically."

"They are trying to do the same here, but they will find us a much harder job, because when the one hundred and twenty million Christians awaken, the bloody purge of Hitler will look like a picnic."

Information is outstanding to the effect that Smythe is a radical of the worst type and is endeavoring to organize a group for the purpose of engaging in strong-arm and terroristic tactics in this country.

Smythe is Chairman of the National Committee against Communism, which has its national headquarters in Washington, D. C., and also headquarters at 67 West Forty-Fourth Street, New York City, suite 506. The letterhead of the National Committee against Communism states its principles as follows: "Organized to inculcate the principles of Americanism in Industrial, Religious, Fraternal and Educational Circles". The letterhead also carries the statement: "If your FREEDOM and DEMOCRACY means anything now is the time to defend it". The National Committee against Communism claims to be "the oldest Anti-Communist group in the country, composed of both Catholics and Protestants".

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Information has been obtained to the effect that Smythe is closely associated with the notoriously pro-Nazi organization of Kurt Mertig, known as the Citizens Protection League. A combined meeting of the Citizens Protection League and the German-American Republican League, both of which organizations are headed by Kurt Mertig, was held on the night of March 15, 1937, at the New York Turn Hall for the purpose of protesting anti-Nazi utterances in this country. The meeting was called by Kurt Mertig. This meeting was addressed by Edward James Smythe, and it is reported that "what the meeting lacked in size, however, it made up in vehemence". Smythe was continually interrupted by applause as he predicted "a revolution - not a Communist, of, no-but an honest American revolution-we are going to take this country back from the Jews". It is reported that Smythe stated that pending the revolution he nominated for "political destruction" President Roosevelt and Jeremiah Mahoney. With reference to Mayor La Guardia, Smythe stated at that meeting that he would "drop him back in the sewer where he belongs".

On March 30, 1937, the German-American Bund held a propaganda meeting at the New York Turn Hall. Among the speakers were such outstanding persons in the Nazi movement as James Wheeler-Hill, leader of the New York local of the German-American Bund, Fritz Kuhn, national leader of the German-American Bund; Edward James Smythe, Chairman of the National Committee against Communism, and several others. The meeting was attended by about eight hundred people. All of the speakers made most vehement attacks upon President Roosevelt and the Administration.

Information is outstanding to the effect that the National Committee against Communism is affiliated with the German-American Bund. This affiliation, however, has never been definitely established.

During February and March, 1935, the Protestant Civic Welfare Federation, of which Smythe was Executive Secretary, distributed literature of the Independent Republican National Christian-Gentile Committee, which had its headquarters in the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C. This organization sponsored for President in 1936 Louis T. McFadden. One of the slogans of this organization was: "Keep the Jew out of control of the Republican Party, 1936".

The Protestant Civic Welfare Federation was the subject of an inquiry by the late Honorable Louis McHenry Howe, former Secretary to the President, in a memorandum directed to the Bureau on February 21, 1935.

Copies of bulletins distributed by the Independent Republican National Christian-Gentile Committee sponsored by the Protestant Civic Welfare Federation were obtained and a perusal of these bulletins discloses that the said organization sponsored Louis T. McFadden for President in 1936. It is reported that McFadden is the former member of Congress who attempted to impeach President Herbert Hoover. A circular of the Protestant Civic Welfare Federation stated: "Every true American should join at once the Legion Against Communism". The literature distributed by the Protestant Civic Welfare Federation made a vigorous attack upon Jews, Communism and the National Administration.

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The records of the New York Police Department disclose a record for one Edward James Smythe, who was charged with grand larceny in 1914. He was discharged. Another record of the New York Police Department discloses that another Edward James Smythe was arrested on the charge of grand larceny in 1917, but was acquitted. This same individual was charged with felonious assault in 1920, but was discharged, and was charged with grand larceny in 1928, but was discharged. Information noted below would seem to indicate that this second Edward James Smythe is identical with the Smythe concerning whom this memorandum is written.

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At that time Smythe was in charge of the following journals:

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In 1927, Smythe was the promoter of a Democratic pageant, which was allegedly organized to promote the presidential candidacy of Governor Smith. Prior to this time he promoted a drive for \$250,000 for tuberculosis sufferers. He discontinued this promotional scheme when the District Attorney commenced an investigation.

At the time of his arrest in January, 1928, on the charge of grand larceny, from which matter he was discharged, he alleged that his journal, The National Democratic Review, was the official organ of the National Democratic Club. He also declared that his arrest was made for the purpose of discrediting him before he could begin his campaign on behalf of the presidential candidacy of Senator Reed of Missouri.

Smythe was associated with the National Hoover-For-President League during August, 1928. This League had no official connection with the Republican Party and was repudiated by that Party when it was learned Smythe maintained an association with the League. During August, 1928, the Federal Grand Jury in New York City instituted an investigation of the National Hoover-For-President League upon the request of the Republican National Committee.

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The records of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation fail to disclose any criminal record for Edward James Smythe.

January 20, 1939

MEMORANDUM

RE: ERNST GOERNER

Goerner is alleged to operate the Goerner Publicity Bureau at 627 East State Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The official publication of this organization is said to be "The Jew in the Light", which is issued regularly. Goerner has a printing plant in the basement of a restaurant where he prints the literature distributed by him without cost. Attached to literature which he sends out are copies of a publication known as "World-Service", which is published in Germany.

Goerner is one of the most important Nazi propagandists in the Midwest Section of the United States. The name of Ernst Goerner appears on the letterhead of the National Committee Against Communism, of which Edward James Smythe is Chairman. Goerner is listed as a member of the Citizens Committee thereof. The National headquarters is given as Washington, D. C., and other headquarters as 67 West 44th Street, Suite 506, New York City. Ernst Goerner is the operator of the Blue Danube Tavern and a member of the German-American Bund. He distributes most of the literature and propaganda of a Nazi nature that are circulated in Milwaukee. Allegedly Goerner receives this propaganda material from New York.

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Information has also been obtained to the effect that during July, 1928 Saythe was removed from the Tombs to the psychopathic ward of the Bellevue Hospital, New York City for observation.

The records of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation fail to disclose any criminal record for Edward James Saythe.

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Time: 11:00 A.M.

March 20, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Mr. Green of the State Department called and made inquiry as to whether Mr. McIntire had completed his investigation at the State Department. I informed Mr. Green that Mr. McIntire had obtained everything on the three organizations; namely, the Bund, the Communist Party, and the League for Peace and Democracy, that was available at the State Department and was now well into the substantive work. In answer to Mr. Green's question as to whether I thought the above named organizations were the proper ones to submit to the Attorney General as the three to investigate, I explained to him that those were the three upon which everyone appeared to agree and that it was my opinion that they were the most logical organizations. I further pointed out to Mr. Green the fact that we will be able to furnish data from our own files sufficient to establish the agency agreement, the propaganda activities, and everything except the financial connection, which, of course, we will attempt to establish by investigation.

I advised Mr. Green that if there were any further information desired from the State Department, we would feel free to ask them for same.

Mr. Green stated that he did not feel that it was necessary to confirm by letter the agreement on these three agencies.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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The term "foreign principal" ,
means the government of a foreign
country, a political party of a
foreign country, a person domiciled
abroad, or any foreign business,
partnership, association, corporation,
or political organization.


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The term "agent" of a foreign prin-
cipal means any person who acts
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publicity agent, or as agent, servant,
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foreign principal or for any domestic
organization subsidized directly or
indirectly in whole or in part by a
foreign principal.

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On June 23-38 James
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Gustav Elmer, Natl Organizer
of Bund testified before
Mr. Nabor investigating
Committee that the purpose
of the Bund was to build
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Kunze, Natl Director of Public
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"No change in the
aims and purposes of the
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considered necessary, nor
are any changes contemplated
for the future.

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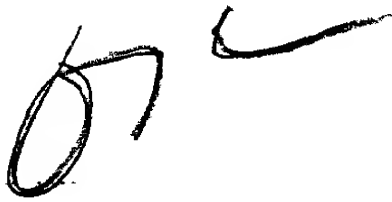
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"..... And the Un-American
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are the very cause of the
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organization"...."

George Froese,
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In his affidavit of Oct 12, 1938, appearing in the Weckruf for Oct 20, 1938, p. 2, Kuhn reasserts the truth and correctness of the aims and purposes of the Bund which he propounded in his inaugural address to the Bund members only, in N.Y.C., on April 17, 1936. He repeated it as follows;

"I said:

As an organization of American citizens, it (the Bund) proposes to take an active part in the affairs of the country while complying unqualifiedly with its duties to the United States. We shall educate the American people to become friends of the new Germany. *** As American citizens (we shall) advance our political interests, defend our native land against lies and slander. *** We shall always observe loyalty as citizens of this country, linked as it is with the destiny of our ancestral race. Hence we call ourselves American Germans and our movement the German American Volksbund.*****

The Bund is American in its inception and in its field of endeavor. *****
~~*****The suggestion of a German American Volksbund is a transparent~~

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"The German American Bund is an organization of American citizens of German blood which grew out of the 'League, Friends Of The New Germany' which was a movement founded immediately after the rise to power of National Socialism in Germany,- founded for the purpose of fighting the anti-German agitation.

In willing collaboration with all America-German leagues---- it endeavors to bring about----- the unification for a strong cultural, political and economic COMMUNITY OF ACTION-obligated to America and tied to Germany----- .

It is the goal of the German American Bund to bring back again to the great community of blood and fate of all Germans the Germanism of the United States which through the unhappy World War and the post-war period partly had been alienated from the German homeland and German folkdom and partly face the most recent development in Germany without understanding"

"Fritz Kuhn-National Leader"

The ABOVE IS A QUOTATION which Bob M made of the official program announcing the Saar Festival which was held under the auspices of the German-American Bund, The United German Societies of Greater New York and the Society of the ~~SAARLANDERS~~ Saarlanders which was held on Jan 17, 1937 in NYC Photostatic copy of a portion of this program is in the possession of this office and it and the translation may be found in 61-7566-1035

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Declaration of the Bund

Deutscher Weckruf & Beobachter

March 2, 1939 P8 (61-7560-1382 p7) has German short wave radio program. There is also a German article "For radio lovers" which is signed by Dr. Dietrich (the Nazi Party press chief) and which is an appeal to American listeners to report on radio reception.

Deutscher Weckruf & Beobachter March 2, 1939 p. 8
(61,7560-1382 P. 7 has feature article by
Bernhard Borgardt in Bremerfoerde, Germany entitled
" What they Talk about in Germany"

~~Excerpt~~ The article states in part: "We here in Germany have heard with special joy of the strong flourishing of the German American Bund. In the United States too one begins to feel the approach of the final decision. That is good for all of those who still carry in themselves the seeds of cleaning ~~the~~ house; to get prepared for this decision."

Also: "In Germany one knows well that there where real German fellows and upright German women are ready to work for Germany abroad, this will can be translated into action and the country (the United States) can be snatched from Chaos."

It ends: "Germany stands irrevocably committed to its new times and its gigantic idea: NAT ONAL SOCIALISM! The home land greets you, fellow countrymen! Stand firm and hold out in the storm. Close the ranks and tie the straps of your helmets tighter--for yourselves and your beautiful country."

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MY BATTLE BY ADOLF HITLER
(Abridged Version)

"In its capacity as a State, the German Reich
must gather all Germans to itself----"

Page 161

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Swastika

"As National-Socialists we see our program in our flag. In the red we see the social ideas of the movement; in the white, the nationalistic; in the swastika the mission of the fight for the victory of the Aryan man-----which in itself was anti-semitic, and will be anti-semitic eternally."

Quoted from page 482 of "Mein Kampf" by Adolf Hitler (unexpurgated volume by Stackpole Sons Publishers)

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Declaration of Agency

Life Magazine March 6-39

Note p 57 — on the
Swastika is the
slogan "Our aim a
united Germany!"

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Purpose

Deutscher Weckruf & Beobachter and Free American,
March 9, 1939 page 3 has a poem in German by
Ernest Rheydttdittmer, an officer of the San
Francisco local of the Bund. It is entitled

AMERICA*GERMANS GREET THE HOMELAND

We greet you,- you proud German land
As real sons,- far away from you-but not separated
We weave faithfully for you the bond of racial
community
And we follow you in battle and eternal peace!

Even if one or the other may break down in the battle
His last smile lives for German lands
And his lips still quiver in a sacred promise:
"Racial German brothers will continue to build!.

Therefore accept our salute you hard German earth.
Even the poorest son of your people extends his
hand to you,
That there may be no more boundaries between the
folkdom
That we may LOVE you,- MOTHER COUNTRY!

And when the waves clash wildly in the storm
And the sea fiercely lashes the ragged cliff wall,
Then you must listen to the words of your children
They salute you,- you sacred German country!

Bound —

dictated

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D.K.V.

The following is an advertisement in the 1938 Year book of the G.A.B. p. 49;

The German Consumers Association
The economic self-defense organization of
America-Germandom

D.K.V.
U.S.A.

What is the D.K.V.

The German Consumers Association (D.K.V.) is the economic interests representation of German-American business men and consumers; its goal is the mutual support in the economic field for the furtherance of imports and the furtherance of the turnover of German products, for the fighting of the boycott of German goods and for the strengthening of their independent Aryan business man.

Through the regular issuance of economic guide books and by means of rebate savings stamp system this goal is carried out in practical form.

The central business offices of the D.K.V. are;	
For the East;	For the Middle West;
D.K.V. Business Office	D.K.V. Business Office
178 East 85th Street,	3853-57 N. Western Ave
New York City, N.Y.	Chicago, Ill.

For Pennsylvania, Maryland and Washington, D.C.;
D.K.V. Business Office,
3718 North 5th St, Philadelphia, Pa.

(Note these addresses are the headquarters for the Bund.)

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"The German- American Business League Inc is the representative of the economic interests of German-American consumers and business people.

The aim of the league is mutual support upon the economic field in order to augment the sales of German products, and to fight unlawful boycotts."

Deutscher Konsum V erband p7

See p. 7 of enc to 61-7560-420

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S. K. V.

July 4-35 the business
organiz of the Bund - the
Ger-Am Business Lg
established

61-7560-321-p 72 from
yearbook of 1937.

See purpose of SKV on p 16
of translation of 1938 yearbook

D. K. V.

"If you want to help Germanism-buy in D. K. V. stores." (Translated by Bob M. for Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter for Dec 22, 1938 P. 6 col 1 The translation may be found in p. 6 of 61-7566-1263)

The officers of the D. K. V. as advertised in the "Official Program and Guide" for the German Exposition at Grand Central Palace N. Y. C. which was held Dec 15 -23, 1938 are as follows
National Chairman-Fritz Kuhn
Eastern District Chairman-Rudolf Markmann
National Secretary-Willy Luedtke
National Treasurer- Max Rapp
(61-7560-1075 enc)

"The great Exposition and Christmas Market of the German-American Business League, Inc., (Deutscher Konsum Verband e. V.) to be held in New York City from the 16th to the 24th of December 1937, represents a hitherto un-attained opportunity to increase the demand for German goods and services here and for U. S. goods and services in Germany, to enlighten the buying public regarding the latest achievements in German manufacture and merchandising---"

"Additional attractions for the public will be the daily door prizes, including a round-trip ticket to Germany to be given away on Wednesday evening, Dec 22nd.---"

Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter 11-25-37
See enclosure to 61-7560-446 - p1.

The handwritten name of the sender

On p. 3 of the Fourth Annual Trade Guide of the D. K. V. for New York and Long Island (Enclosure to 6107560-446) it is stated :

"The present time makes unity in all matters a necessity. We, therefore, ask you to make it a habitual to consult the D. K. V. Trade Guide.

Our often repeated call to you is:

German Americans select your dealer from
our Trade Guides
Always ask for D. K. V. Stamps
Buy only in D. K. V. Stores"

On pages 34 and 36 of the above listed Trade Guide are listed advertisements for Camp Nordland and Camp Siegfried respectively.

This might show a tie up between D.K. V. and G. A. B.

On p. 5 of the D. K. V. Trade Guide for the Chicago Branch of the D. K. V. it is stated,

"It is a great satisfaction for the DKV to be able to announce the publication of a third issue of a Trade Guide.

This will prove that a task begun by German Will and German Spirit will be brought to completion with tenacious energy.

Therefore, German-Americans consider it your duty to buy only in DKV. stores
(see next page)

"We know that this union of all the German-American business men and those friendly to German ideas meant no more than self-aid to us."

(See enclosure to 61-7560-420)

Origin - ^{German} ~~German~~ Society

61-7860-321-p 69-

On Oct 12, 1924 the Natl
Socialist Ass'n 'Lentonia'
was founded in Chicago.

(Found on p) 30 p
yearbook of Ger. Am. Club
1937.

"as soon as Oct 12, 1924
..... Fritz Kissel with a
few friends founded the
'Lentonia', that little
association out of which
the League of the Friends of the
New Germany was destined
to grow." ~~the book of the~~
~~fight against~~ 61-7860-321-p 70.
p 49; yearbook of 1937

Origin

June 30 - 1933 Letter to New
York editor - Chicago -

61-7560-321-p 70-

"In 1933 there was
found in no time at all
an enthusiastic group
of fighters who opposed
to the enemies of Adolf
Hitler, the determined League
of the Friends of the New Germany"
(p 54 of 1937 yearbook)

Origin

Nov. 4 - 1934 German Weekly
and Beobachter becomes
the off organ of the Lg. & Tr
of New Ger.

Origin -

March 19-36 - name of Lg p
the fr of the bar changed to
the bar - Am. Volkshaus

P 51 of 1937 yearbook.

In Spring of 1936 the name
was changed to America-
German League when it was
realized that the idea
"Friends of the New Germany"
would no longer do
justice to the present-day
tasks of the movement. By
changing the name in this
manner the LG - no way
gave up its aim of before....

Origin

June 3-36 - G4 B
recovered

Origin

Dec 1 - 31 - Fr. Kuhn is
elected Band leader of
G & B.

Purposes & aims

of The Am. Ly & the

Friend, the New
Germany -

Purposes & Aims -

See Weekruff for Sept
8.38. p 1 and 3 for
new purposes & aims
adopted at 6th conv of
G.A.B. - NYC - Sept 1938

See picture of Kuba

shaking hands with
Hitler - 20 years ago

show picture of Kuba
and members of G.A.P.
marching past Hitler.

Citizens v Non Citizens -

Show Constitution and
Purpose & aims & show
they look in future citizens.

Purposes. Aims.

See Leend's last statement
of aims in its bulletin
issued for the Madison
Square Garden meeting
pp 19 - 20 of Enclosure
to 7566-13598-. This is
a change from the
Statement of Aims as of Sept
1938 at time of 6th Conf.

Articles on A V Publishing

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P. 123 of report

All details from

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by the A. V. Publishing
Corp., Inc., Fritz Kuhn,
Pres.; Richard Mettler,
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Secy. address of Corp and
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5- N.Y.C. —

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March 9-34 - p 4.

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Dictate on German
Arm Settlement Lg

P. 103 of Nazi Report -

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Submit yearbooks
for 1937 and 1938.

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Propaganda Agent for
Germany -

Copy quotations
on pp. 68 - 72 of 61-2560-321
which are taken from
yearbook of 1937.

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pp-208-210 of Nazi

Report shows statements
taken from "Camp
Nordland".

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P 53.54 of 1937
Yearbook —

"Since 1933 the American-
Germans are strongly under
the long distance influence
of the National Socialist
new order of the German
Reich...."

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Naz. Report - p 212

"for fighting the Jew
I fight for the work
of the Lord over
Fuehrer (Adolph Hitler)"

P' & die Jungmadel-
schaft for
March 1937

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poor literature is
imported from Germany.

"It is there (camp) where
they shall be strengthened and
conformed in national
socialism so that they
will be conscious of the
role which has been
assigned to them as the
future carriers of German
racial ideas in America".

p 209 of Nazi Report.

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~~SECRET~~

"The Formula Today Is;
either actively with us ---- or against us. There can
no longer be any neutrality in any place where
our enlightenment has penetrated. To remain neutral
fortheron means; to take an attitude agai nst us,
against an upright taking care of our interests of
Germandom in the U.S.A."

(P. 28 of Yearbook of G.A.B. for 1938.)

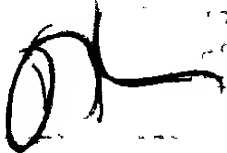
"And thus the German human being is and remains our
racial comrade regardless of citizenship papers which
he may own in any country."

(P. 30, G.A.B. yearbook for 1938)

On p. 39 of the Yearbook for 1938 there is a picture
of new ambassador Hans Dieckhoff, stating;

Exalted Visitor!

"On August 8, 1937 the newly appointed German
ambassador in Washington, Dr. H. Dieckhoff
paid a visit to the summer camp of local
Buffalo. The ambassador is shown standing
in front of a group of girls of the Girls
Division Buffalo, greeting the delighted
crowd of people."



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P 2 - 7 1938 yearbook -

' In truly National - Socialist spirit of assistance & racial unity my work was made considerably easier through the unselfish obligingness which was proven to us by the 'Institute for Germans Abroad' in Stuttgart by its generous manufacturing of the majority of the series of picture cuts which found use in the yearbook, and which contribute materially to the embellishment & the enlightenment of German Racial Comrades & of Am. Citizens -

Purposes -

dictated from

Camp Nordland

pp 109-211 of Nazi
Report.

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PURPOSE

"Nowhere in the wide world is there a greater splitting-up of Germandom than exists here in our new home land, the United States of America. To fuse this Germandom into one great and unified working community means a task which only such a movement could dare to undertake which is internally strong and young and which tries and will continue to try to utilize the rich experience of our predecessors, that is, of those of German race who have already proven during the past difficult years that they were able to do positive Germandom work. "

~~(Statement of [redacted] for
Long Island and leader of the Local [redacted],
Long Island)~~

Taken from p. 21 of the yearbook of
G.A.B. for 1938

"Thus the America-German Peoples League made it its task to spread with all means and ways at its disposal enlightenment about the new Germany, its Weltanschauung and especially about the carrying out of all endeavours and ideas within the Third Reich..."
(Taken from p. 25 of yearbook of G.A.B. for 1938.)



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See Denzoff's
statement that German

Nationals must not
join Bund or
Prosp Citizens Lg-
Memo of Dec 30-38.

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61-7566-1263 Deutscher Weckruf Dec 22 , 38
page 3 col. 4 & 5

English article, anonymous, "Barter Deals" which
is a reprint from the new propaganda magazine
"Fair Play", it is propaganda for German barter trade.

61-7566-1263 Program of Brooklyn Local Wed. Jan. 11, 39.
Page 6 pf Movie and propaganda evening at Schwaben Hall
Bob's report showed German political movie and "German Cultural
Shorts"

61-7566-1263 Page 9 col. 1 & 2 of paper for Dec. 22, 38
page 8 Bob's report Article in German "Playing Hide and Seek--
Jews in Soviet Union Change their names"
This article has the NSK sign of the official
German Nazi Party correspondence Bureau in
Berlin.

61-7566-1261X Deutscher Weckruf Dec. 15. 38
page 5 Bob's report page 4 col. 4 has an article reference to Fair Play
a propaganda magazine, quote---- Fair Play is the ~~the~~
only magazine in English which gives to its readers
'the other side of the story' that, very seldom,
you have the opportunity to read in American daily
press and in the magazines. Anybody interested in
these subjects can have a free sample copy by
addressing Fair Play 225 Lafayette St. N . Y. C.

--My comment, this appears to be a kind of indirect
advertising, that is the advertising of "Fair Play"
propaganda magazine, said magazine being an outlet
in this country of 'the story of the other side',

61-7566-1261X Paper for Dec. 15, 38, page 5 col. 1
page 6 Bob's report defends the Bund's right not to register under
report the Federal Propaganda act.

From
Director
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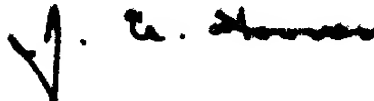
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61-7566-1261X
page 6 of Bob's
report
Deutscher Weckruf Dec. 15. 38- 38
page 5 col. 1 bottom-- has ad in German of the
German import house, 209 East 86th St. N. Y. C.
in large type: GERMAN FLAGS AS WELL AS POSTAL
CARDS AND PICTURES OF THE FUEHRER"

61-7566-1249
page 6 of Bob's
report.
Deutscher Weckruf Dec. 8 , 38 page 6 col. 3
Report in german signed Carl Nicolay,
Leader of local stated that Youth propoganda
evening was succesful " Books and material are
being put at our disposal by the VDA, note
Ca rl Guenther Orgell has registered at the State
Dept. as American representative of above.

61-7566-1249
page 9 of Bob's
report
Deutscher Weckruf Dec. 8, 38 page 7, col. 1 & 2
Article in German re: Germany's unfavorable
trade balance, article ends in a "warning" to
U. S. to buy more from germany.
Comment-- could this be construed as an attempt
to solicit trade for Germany???

61-7566-1248
page 3 of Bob's
report.
Deutscher Weckruf Dec. 1, 38, page 3 last col.
Large ad of German chocolage firm in N. Y.C .
advertises package sent free to any residence in ~~any~~
Germany " We fill orders directly from our factory
in Berl in and our warehouse in Hamburg"

61-7566-1248
page 5 of Bob's
report.
Deutscher Weckruf, Dec. 1. 38, page 6, center, top
has advertisemnt of womens division, local
brooklyn announcing a benefit on Dec. 9th at the
Schwaben Hall for the benefit of the German Nazi
party winter relief fund in GERMANY.

61-7566-1248
page 8 Bob's
report
Deutscher Weckruf, Dec. 1, 38, page 7, col 2- & -
col 2 and 3 has unsigned article in German
recommending several books and pamphlets of
the Institute for Germanism abroad in Stuttgart.

61-7566-1215X
page 3 of Bob's
report
Deutsches Weckruf Nov. 24, 38 page 4, col. 2 and 3
article re: German day celebration, showing of
"German talking picture" Echo of the Homeland"
Bob M. adds a note that this picture has been shown
in various bund locaals and is a political
propoganda picture. Comment--- points out that
material to be used by the Bund is coming from
Germany the "homeland"

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See data re Kuhn's
trip to Europe -
February 1938 -

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D. K. V.

- The A. V. Publishing Corporation is the publishing firm for both the G. A. B. and the D. K. V.
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Membership

Article IV - Sec 1 - "Membership
in this Band is primarily
open to All American and
prospective citizens
of Aryan blood, of German
extraction and of good
reputation. ~~Membership is~~
~~also restricted to the~~

V Constitution

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Propaganda Agent

See advertisement on
back of pamphlet

"The New Germany
Under Hitler" -

Submit this pamphlet
showing that it was
published by the
Deutsches Volk und
Beobachter -

See same add on back of
Propaganda Agent pamphlet.

Declarations-

~~Agency~~ - of Agency

Herman Schuman

addressing the 1938 Court
of Bank at N.Y.C. - Sept 1938
declared:

"Buy Gentile, Vote
Gentile, Employ Gentile!"

Weekly - Sept 15 - 28 - 34.

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Restoration

Agency:

"One fold down — One
Bund — One Fuchsen"

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Declaration

"Our enemies call us Nazis and we proudly confess that we are. YES, WE ARE THE AMERICAN NAZIS!"

Translated from article in German on pages one and two of Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter for Sept 8, 1938 The translation is on page 3 of 61-7566-1070.

"One Folkdom - One Book -
One Führer." - P. 7-

Deutscher Weckruf und
Beobachter - for Aug. 18, 1938
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Deutscher Weckruf & Beobachter Sept 29, 1938
p. 1 bottom column 1 & 2 61-7560-1109 pl

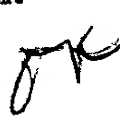
Beginning of a long article in German " I was there"
The article itself exhorts all German-Americans that
"fate will hold a terrible accounting with them when the
misfortune (of America joining a war against Germany)
breaks down over them. That therefore they must
be ready to give their all (the article is not
specific what is meant by this) and no law in the
world can take from them the will" to proudly confess
their German origin."

Deutscher Weckruf & Beobachter Sept 22, 1938 page 6
last column 61-7560-1098 p 7

Report in German from Local Hudson County. It states
that throughout the summer the Local has not been
idle and that recent speakers evenings " have been
enriched by the speeches of men who fulfill their
duty for our folkdom in other parts of the country."

Deutscher Weckruf & Beobachter Sept 15, 1938
p 4 column 1 to 5 61-7560-1089p4

Full speech made at the meeting of Sept 6th by
Geo. Froboese. It is significant that in the
salutation of the speech which is entirely in English
Froboese addresses Kuhn as "Mein Fuehrer, -"The
Mein Fuehrer salutation is just like the address
used in Germany." Several passages are devoted to
reiteration of the unswerving love for Germany and
bitter attacks on Czecho-Slovakia. Also "We will
continue to cherish these our sympathies for
everything which is German and tell the investigators
in Washington that we have not the slightest intention
of changing our attitude whether they like it or not!"
"We will continue to visit Germany, and if given a
chance, stand like men before Hitler and thank him
for saving Germany from that bloody and godless
Asiatic monster called Jewish communism."



Deutscher Weckruf & Beobachter Feb. 2, 1939
page 3 col. 5 61-7560-1350x

German article on the latest issue of the German
American Commerce Bulletin published in N. Y.
It quotes an editorial which reminds the U. S.
once more of Germany's kindness in former years
and the large share Germany had in making the
U. S. prosperous. It also quotes an article
"The modern Christian spirit" which attacks anti-
German boycott movements here.

Deutscher Weckruf & Beobachter Feb, 2, 1939
page 6 col 1 to 3 61-7560-1350x p 5

Long letter in German from Bernhard Borgardt of
Bremermvoerde, Germany who writes regularly under
the heading What the talk about in Germany
The article starts by telling the readers that in
Germany one is full familiar with the heroic
struggle for Germanism of the brothers and sisters
in the German American Bund.

A handwritten mark, possibly a signature or initials, consisting of a large, stylized 'O' followed by a horizontal line and a small upward stroke.

GERMAN AMERICAN BUND.

ORIGIN

The following information as to the origin of the German American Bund is taken from excerpts of the Yearbook of the Bund for 1937.

On October 12, 1924 the National Socialist Association, 'Teutonia' was founded in Chicago, Illinois. "... As soon as October 12, 1924 Fritz Gissibel with a few friends founded the 'Teutonia', that little association out of which the League of the Friends of the New Germany was destined to grow."

On June 30, 1933 the League of the Friends of the New Germany was established in Chicago, Illinois. "In 1933 there was found in no time at all, an enthusiastic group of fighters which opposed to the enemies of Adolph Hitler, the determined League of the Friends of the New Germany."

On November 14, 1934 the Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter became the official organ of the League of the Friends of the New Germany.

On March 29, 1936 the name of the League of the Friends of the New Germany was changed to the German American Volksbund. "In the Spring of 1936 the name was changed to America-German League when it was realized that the idea "Friends of the New Germany" would no longer do justice to the present-day tasks of the movement. By changing the name in this manner the League in no way gave up its aims of before....."

(Insert)

On June 3, 1936 the German American Bund was established.

On December 1, 1937, Fritz Kuhn was elected Bund leader of the German American Bund.

Insert.

"The Friends of the New Germany did great and glorious work during the past years. It was always at all times an aggressive organization, and the German American Volksbund will continue to be as active and aggressive, yes, it will even intensify its attacks upon lies and political incendiarism, against Marxism and Bolshevism, and will not ~~shirk~~ shirk its duty to wage war with every available power. But a change of name seemed dictated by good judgment if we are to accomplish our ends.

It was not a question of suddenly throwing overboard a name under which we waged an honorable fight for three years, which we hold in high esteem, which to us became almost symbolic, and to which we look back with pride.

After long and mature reflection we arrived at the conclusion that the name of Friends of the New Germany as that of an organization of American citizens of German blood implies a too restricted attitude, whereas the exercise of our objects demands a wider field and our movement a broader foundation. During the first years of our movement no better title could have been selected for our activities, but today every German by birth or descent should be a friend- an assumption which we take for granted - a friend of present-day Germany."

(Statement of Fritz Kuhn, from the pamphlet "Awake and Act!" published by the Deutschher Weckruf und Beobachter.)

The same speech of Kuhn continues;

Moreover, it is not a matter of presenting the world with a new organization, under the title of German American Volksbund, but of the fact that the Friends of the New Germany have taken a new name in order that under a new name we may still better form a protective front against machinations; as American citizens advance our political interests, defend our native land against lies and slander and to a greater extent do justice to our exalted task of making known the aims and objects of the third Reich. " *agency.*

Kuhn continues -

"The Bund is American in its inception and in its field of endeavor, German in its idealism and character. To it has fallen the great task of spurring the spiritual awakening of the German element. The German American Volksbund is inspired with the National Socialist world concept. We desire that the spiritual rebirth of the German people at home shall spiritually be transmitted to the Germans of America through mediums of flaming words and inspiring examples. We must leave nothing undone to gain access to the hearts and minds of our fellow German Americans. We will foster understanding for our homeland, convert our American fellow citizens into true friends of the present-day Germany."

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Origin.

"Since the year 1933 the movement of America-Germandom admonishes and calls - then known under the name of the League of the Friends of the New Germany, and today as America-German Peoples League."

P. 21 of 1938 Yearbook of G.A.B.

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GERMANS MUST NOT JOIN BUND.

Under instructions from Berlin, Dr. Hans Heinrich Dieckhoff, German Ambassador, on Feb 28, 1938, informed Mr. Hull, that the German Government on that date had issued the following statement through the German News Bureau:

"On account of numerous inquiries being received from German citizens living in the United States, the German Government reiterates that German citizens must not belong to the Americadeutsche Volksbund or to possible substitute organizations of that kind. German citizens who in ignorance of this standing order have become members of the Americadeutsche Volksbund or the so called Prospective Citizens League must resign from these organizations as once."

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Denial of connection with Germany;

"On September 30, 1938, the German Ambassador, Dr. Dieckhoff, visited the State Department to deny that there exists any connection between the German Government, its diplomatic or consular representatives, and the German American Bund, and issued the following statement:

'Before the Dies Committee statements have been made yesterday which might lead to the conclusion that between the Amerikadeutscher Volksbund (German American Bund) and the German Government authorities exists a secret relationship. With regard hereto the German Embassy makes the following statement:

"The German Government has always taken the point of view that the Amerikadeutscher Volksbund is to be considered as a purely American affair. There has never existed any open or secret understanding between the Bund and the German Ambassador, the German Embassy or the German Consulates."

(Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, Oct 20, 1938, p. 2)

KEM:JDIF

3:10 P.M.

March 22, 1939.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

At this time Mr. L. M. Price of the Office of Arms and Munitions Control of the Department of State called me asking if my attention had been directed to a publication called "Propaganda Analysis." He said that it contains information of considerable interest and he had particular reference to one monthly issue which dealt with Nazi propaganda and he said that the most recent issue now deals with communist propaganda.

I told him I was grateful for the information and that it would receive appropriate consideration. He said that the files in this matter were in the State Department and that they were available to the Bureau should we desire to read them. I thanked him courteously and told him that I believed we could make arrangements to get these issues for the Bureau's purposes through our New York Office.

I did not advise him that the Bureau has had a subscription to "Propaganda Analysis" since its inception, nor did I advise him that I was familiar with both of the articles to which he had reference. Both of these articles are receiving attention in anticipation of the proposed investigation of the German-American Band and the Communist Party upon the allegation that they may be acting as agents of foreign principals.

Respectfully,

K. E. McINTIRE.

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March 22, 1939.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

RE: INVESTIGATION OF AGENTS
OF FOREIGN PRINCIPALS.

This will refer to a memorandum for the Director signed by Mr. Tamm, dated March 16, 1939, concerning the visit of Messrs. Tamm and McIntire with Mr. Joseph C. Green and others of the State Department.

At 2:30 P.M., March 17, 1939, I conferred with Mr. R. E. Murphy of the State Department to ascertain the identity of the third organization, the investigation of which might be desired by the State Department on the basis of the Act of June 8, 1938, requiring the registration of agents of foreign principals. Mr. Murphy informed me that all such matters are handled through the office of James Clement Dunn, whose official title is Advisor on Political Relations for the Department of State. Murphy had come to no decision as to the third organization to be investigated and he, therefore, introduced me to Mr. James Clement Dunn. The situation was discussed very briefly with Mr. Dunn, whereupon I told him that in a discussion between Messrs. Murphy, Yost, and Price, of the Department of State, attended by myself, it had been decided that the Bureau should investigate the Communist Party and the German-American Bund with reference to the possibility of their being agents of foreign principals. I told him that no decision had yet been reached by the State Department as to the third organization to be investigated and that the FBI would be guided by the judgment of the State Department in the selected third organization.

Mr. Dunn then told me that the Department of State did not intend to choose the third organization to be investigated and said it was his opinion that it was within the province of the Department of Justice to decide this matter. I told him on the contrary that we would be willing to defer to the judgment of the Department of State. He insisted, however, that the State Department would make no decision but would be willing to discuss it with me and to make available all of its records for such assistance as the information contained therein might be to any subsequent investigation. Thereupon there ensued a conversation

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In which both Dunn and I made strenuous efforts to avoid deciding which organization should be investigated. Mr. Dunn, however, proceeded to examine the letter of Congressman Dies to the Department of State, dated November 26, 1938, in which Mr. Dies listed some twenty or more organizations as possibly acting as agents for foreign principals. Dunn and Murphy then discussed numerous of the organizations mentioned and Dunn centered his thoughts upon the American League for Peace and Democracy. All during this discussion I maintained a studied silence so that it will not be understood that I had suggested that the Bureau should investigate the American League for Peace and Democracy.

The discussion having centered itself upon this organization for many minutes and it being obvious that it was the considered opinion of Mr. Dunn that the American League would provide the best basis for an investigation, I suggested then that since it appeared that he considered the American League to be the best possible organization for investigation, the Bureau would be pleased to investigate that body. Mr. Dunn was in perfect agreement and the conference thereupon broke up with Mr. Dunn's assurance that everything in the files of the Department of State bearing any materiality upon any of the three organizations to be investigated by the Bureau would be made available.

I retired then to Mr. Murphy's office and discussed the type of material which the Bureau will need concerning these three organizations. Murphy said that within the next several days he would review his files and documents and obtain all material information showing the Communist Party to be an agent of the Communist International. This will include documentary proof of the joining of the Communist International by the U.P.U.S.A., the official document containing the twenty-one conditions of admission of any Communist Party to the Communist International, originals of membership books, et cetera.

With reference to the German-American Bund, Mr. Murphy stated that his files will disclose no data of a local nature in the United States. He said that the State Department would possibly have reports submitted by their representatives in Germany which will cover the Congress of Germans Abroad held in Stuttgart, Germany, in August or September, 1938. He will make these reports available.

With reference to the American League for Peace and Democracy, Mr. Murphy will arrange to furnish me with documents showing the origin of the world movement which is called the World Committee Against War

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and Fascism with headquarters at Paris. He will also furnish documents showing the connection of the American League with the World Committee Against War and Fascism.

At the time of my visit with Mr. Murphy I made efforts to confer with Mr. Joseph C. Green, Chief, Office of Arms and Munitions Control, but he was out. I merely desired to pay my respects and to tell him that I had conferred with Mr. Dunn. I will take care of this matter on my next visit to the State Department.

Mr. Murphy advised me that since all of the matters pertaining to the investigation of agents of foreign principals are handled by Mr. Dunn, it would be highly advisable to direct all correspondence to Mr. James Clement Dunn. He stated that oftentimes material of this nature which is sent to the Secretary of State never reaches them.

Respectfully,

A. R. McINTIRE.

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March 28, 1939

Time: 3:35 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Green of the State Department called with reference to a previous conversation between Mr. Green and myself regarding the information being obtained from the State Department by Agent McIntire relative to communistic organizations. I advised Mr. Green that Mr. McIntire had informed me subsequent to the above conversation that a request was pending with Mr. Murphy of the State Department for certain historical background data.

Mr. Green stated that he had told Mr. Murphy nothing more would be required by Mr. McIntire from the State Department and, therefore, the request by Mr. McIntire was a surprise to Mr. Murphy. He stated that the information desired by Mr. McIntire was not known to him and that he did not believe that Murphy knew definitely what Mr. McIntire desired. I advised Mr. Green that it was my understanding that there is supposed to be some kind of statement or reports that Mr. McIntire is interested in for the purpose of establishing a proper background memorandum.

Mr. Green stated that he would suggest that Mr. McIntire contact either Mr. Foot or himself for additional information in order to avoid any misunderstanding, inasmuch as the other departments are not familiar with what we are endeavoring to find on this matter. I told Mr. Green that we would be glad to conduct all of our business in this matter with him to avoid any trouble that might arise in the future.

I informed Mr. Green that I would have Mr. McIntire contact Mr. Foot within the next day or so and furnish him with definite information as to what further data will be needed in this matter and let Mr. Foot determine whether it is available.

Respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL McMAHON

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Reference is made to the letter of Honorable Sumner Welles, Acting Secretary of State, dated March 13, 1939 and directed to the Attorney General, concerning the investigation of certain organizations on the basis of a possible violation of the Act of June 8, 1938, requiring the registration with the Secretary of State of agents of foreign principals.

There is attached hereto one copy of a memorandum of facts concerning the German-American Bund, dated March 29, 1939, which has been prepared by the Bureau.

I wish you would advise me whether further investigation of the German-American Bund is desirable. If further investigation is requested the particular type of investigation so desired should be pointed out specifically.

A copy of the attached memorandum has likewise been transmitted to Mr. Joseph C. Green, Chief, Office of Arms and Munitions Control, Department of State, Washington, D. C., with advice that a copy thereof has been forwarded to you and that the Bureau will await your advice as to the nature and desirability of further investigation.

Accordingly, further inquiry into this matter is being held in abeyance pending your request.

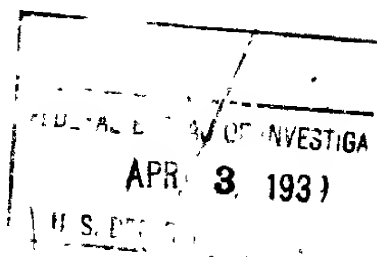
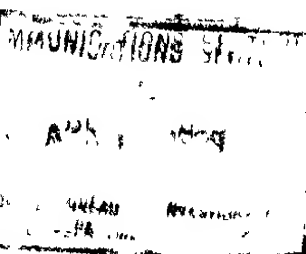
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RECORDED Mr. Joseph C. Green
Chief
Office of Arms and Munitions Control
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Green:

I am transmitting herewith one copy of a memorandum of facts concerning the German-American Bund, prepared by this Bureau and dated March 29, 1939, pertaining to a possible violation of the Act approved June 8, 1938, requiring the registration with the Secretary of State of agents of foreign principals.

I have likewise submitted a copy of this memorandum to Mr. Brien McMahon, Assistant Attorney General, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., with the request that he advise me whether further investigation in this matter is warranted, with a view to ascertaining a possible violation of the Act of June 8, 1938.

Accordingly, any further investigation into this matter is being held in abeyance pending advice from Mr. McMahon. Mr. McMahon has been informed of the reference to you of a copy of the attached memorandum and of the statement that further investigation will be held in abeyance pending a request by him for additional data.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

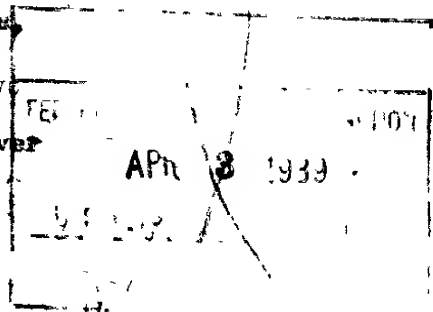
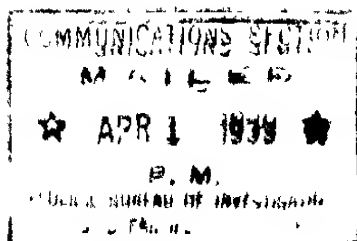
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THE GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND
(Amerikadeutscher Volksbund)

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**RE: THE GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND
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ACT OF JUNE 8, 1938

On June 8, 1938, there was approved an Act entitled "AN ACT To require the registration of certain persons employed by agencies to disseminate propaganda in the United States....." (Public No. 583-75th Congress, Third Session).

Section 1 (c) provides:

"The term 'foreign principal' means the government of a foreign country, a political party of a foreign country, a person domiciled abroad, or any foreign business partnership, association, corporation, or political organization."

Section 1 (d) provides:

"The term 'agent of a foreign principal' means any person who acts or engages or agrees to act as a public-relations counsel, publicity agent, or as agent, servant, representative, or attorney for a foreign principal or for any domestic organization subsidized directly or indirectly in whole or in part by a foreign principal."

Section 2 of the Act provides:

"Every person who is now an agent of a foreign principal shall, within thirty days after this Act takes effect, and every person who shall hereafter become an agent of a foreign principal shall forthwith file with the Secretary a registration statement, under oath, or a form prescribed by the Secretary which shall set forth" - et cetera.

Section 5 of the Act provides:

"Any person who wilfully fails to file any statement required to be filed under this Act, or in complying with the

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provisions of this Act, makes a false statement of a material fact, or wilfully omits to state any material fact required to be stated therein shall, on conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or imprisonment for not more than two years, or both."

Section 7 of the Act provides:

"This Act shall take effect on the nineteenth day after the date of its enactment."

ORIGIN OF THE GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND

On October 12, 1924, the ~~National~~ Socialist Association, ~~"Teutonia"~~ was founded in Chicago, Illinois.

"As soon as October 12, 1924, Fritz Kissel with a few friends founded the 'Teutonia,' that little association out of which the ~~League of the Friends of the New Germany~~ was destined to grow." (1)

On June 30, 1933, the League of the Friends of the New Germany was established in Chicago, Illinois.

"In 1933 there was found in no time at all, an enthusiastic group of fighters which opposed to the enemies of Adolf Hitler, the determined League of the Friends of the New Germany." (2)

On November 14, 1934, the ~~Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter~~ became the official organ of the League of the Friends of the New Germany. (3)

On March 29, 1936, the name of the League of the Friends of the New Germany was changed to the ~~German-American Volksbund~~.

"In the spring of 1936 the name was changed to America-German League when it was realized that the idea 'Friends of the New Germany' would no longer do justice to the present-day tasks of the movement. By changing the name in this manner the League in no way gave up its aims of before..." (4)

On June 3, 1936, the ~~German-American Bund~~ was established. On December 1, 1937, Fritz Kuhn was elected Bund leader of the German-American Bund. (5)

At the 1938 National Convention of the German-American Bund in New York City in September, 1938, Fritz Kuhn was unanimously re-elected to his present position as head of the Bund. (6)

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- (1) Year-book of the German-American Bund for 1937.
 - (2) Ibid.
 - (3) Ibid.
 - (4) Ibid.
 - (5) Ibid.
 - (6) Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, September 8, 1938, page 1.

Fritz Kuhn commenting upon the change in name from the League of the Friends of the New Germany to the German-American Bund declared:

"The ~~X~~Friends of the New Germany did great and glorious work during the past years. It was always at all times an aggressive organization, and the German-American Volksbund will continue to be as active and aggressive, yes, it will even intensify its attacks upon lies and political incendiarism against Marxism and Bolshevism, and will not shirk its duty to wage war with every available power. But a change of name seemed dictated by good judgment if we are to accomplish our ends.

It was not a question of suddenly throwing overboard a name under which we waged an honorable fight for three years, which we hold in high esteem, which to us became almost symbolic, and to which we look back with pride.

After long and mature reflection we arrived at the conclusion that the name of Friends of the New Germany as that of an organization of American citizens of German blood implies a too restricted attitude, whereas the exercise of our objects demands a wider field and our movement a broader foundation. During the first years of our movement no better title could have been selected for our activities, but today every German by birth or descent should be a friend - an assumption which we take for granted - a friend of present-day Germany.

Moreover, it is not a matter of presenting the world with a new organization, under the title of German-American Volksbund, but of the fact that the Friends of the New Germany have taken a new name in order that under a new name we may still better form a protective front against machinations; as American citizens advance our political interests, defend our native land against lies and slander and to a greater extent do justice to our exalted task of making known the aims and objects of the Third Reich.

The Bund is American in its inception and in its field of endeavor, German in its idealism and character. To it has fallen the great task of spurring the spiritual awakening of the German element. The German-American Volksbund is inspired with the National Socialist world concept. We desire that the

spiritual rebirth of the German people at home shall spiritually be transmitted to the Germans of America through mediums of flaming words and inspiring examples. We must leave nothing undone to gain access to the hearts and minds of our fellow German Americans. We will foster understanding for our homeland, convert our American fellow citizens into true friends of the present-day Germany." (1)

"Since the year 1933 the movement of America-Germans admonishes and calls - then known under the name of the League of the Friends of the New Germany, and today as America-German Peoples League." (2)

Fritz Kuhn submitted an affidavit dated October 12, 1936, in which he reasserted the truth and correctness of the aims and purposes of the Bund which he propounded in his inaugural address to the Bund members in New York City on April 17, 1936. He repeated his assertion as follows:

"I said:

As an organization of American citizens it (the Bund) proposes to take an active part in the affairs of the country while complying unqualifiedly with its duties to the United States. We shall educate the American people to become friends of the new Germany * * * * * As American citizens (we shall) advance our political interests, defend our native land against lies and slander * * * * * We shall observe loyalty as citizens of this country, linked as it is with the destiny of our ancestral race. Hence we call ourselves American Germans and our movement the German American Volksbund * * * * * The Bund is American in its inception and in its field of endeavor." (3)

Fritz Kuhn made the following statement on the occasion of the Saar Festival, which was held under the auspices of the German-American Bund, the United German Societies of Greater New York and the Society of the Saarlanders, which was held on January 17, 1937, in New York City:

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- (1) An Appeal to all Americans of German Stock by Fritz Kuhn, New York, April 17, 1936 - pamphlet entitled "AWAKE and ACT!"
 - (2) Year-book of the German-American Bund for 1936, page 21.
 - (3) Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter for October 20, 1936, page 2.

"The German American Bund is an organization of American citizens of blood which grew out of the 'League, Friends of the New Germany,' which was a movement founded immediately after the rise to power of National Socialism in Germany - founded for the purpose of fighting the anti-German agitation.

In willing collaboration with all American German Leagues..... it endeavors to bring aboutthe unification for a strong cultural, political and economic COMMUNITY OF ACTION - obligated to America and tied to Germany..... It is the goal of the German American Bund to bring back again to the great community of the blood and fate of all Germans, the Germans of the United States, which, through the unhappy World War and the post-War period, partly had been alienated from the German homeland and German folkdom and partly faced the most recent developments in Germany without understanding." (1)

(1) Pamphlet - "Beer Festival," (January 17, 1937)

PURPOSES AND AIMS

The Purposes and Aims of the American League of the Friends of the New Germany are quoted herewith as follows:

"To unite all honorable, serious-minded, courageous and unselfish men and women of the Germanic race, now loyal citizens or residents of the United States, proud of their Germanic blood, and treasuring German traditions, language, and ideals of national and individual liberty, justice, truth, duty and absolute honesty, into one great, free, proud and respect-demanding American League of Friends of the New Germany for the mutual benefit of the United States of America and Germany.

So bound together by our blood, ideals, and sympathies, by our free will, firm conviction, and determination to further the interests of both the United States of America, the country of our free choice or adoption, and Germany, the land of our birth and ancestors, we are obliged and we resolved:

- 1) Above all to uphold and defend the constitution and the laws of the United States of America;
- 2) To respect and honor the Flag and Institutions of the United States of America, and to cultivate their lofty ideals;
- 3) To promote Good-will, lasting friendship and continued beneficial relations between the United States of America and Germany;
- 4) To defend with all lawful means at our disposal the good name and honor of our mother-country Germany against all base defamation, will-ful and poisonous lies, and purpose-ful malice, emanating from any ill-wishing jealous, avaricious and ignorant source whatsoever, be it race, people, tribe, clan, nation, association or individual, against a propaganda still being spread by print, script and mouth, openly and covertly, through books, magazines, newspapers, leaflets, and just cowardly rumors;

- 5) To try to bring home to our American co-citizens the real and indisputable German achievements in the sciences and arts, the German inventions and contributions toward the advancement of agriculture, industry and commerce, the great, world-wide recognized, German institutions of learning, the German high standard of the various professions, handicrafts and labor, the outstanding German laws and institutions for the protection and welfare of especially the working classes, the high German ideals of liberty, of justice, of honor, and of education, the honorable and energetic effort the new German Government is making to promote equality of classes of mental and physical workers, as long as they really work earnestly and intelligently not alone in their own individual interest but also in the interest of the commonwealth, the commendable, virtuous and forceful efforts of the new German Government to oppose, suppress, punish and eradicate all selfish interests trying to chisel, defraud, or graft;
- 6) To abstain from useless, harmful, and ignoble propaganda and incriminations of any kind;
- 7) To act at all times, everywhere, and under all conditions as straight-forward, courage us, just and honorable descendants of the Germanic Race, setting an example of blameless conduct, thereby unavoidably creating an atmosphere of genuine Good-will towards the German People and their Government;
- 8) To work incessantly and courageously for the fundamental right of every civilized nation to tend to their own business of self-government without any undue interference, threats, boycotts, or other illegal violence from outsiders;
- 9) To co-operate freely and willingly with all of good-will to promote mutual understanding and friendship among nations and for an honorable peace among mankind;
- 10) To keep our league clean of heart and mind, banning all selfish inclinations, and to stand unwaveringly for our motto: 'ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL';
- 11) To be and remain worthy of our Germanic blood, our German Fatherland, our German brothers and sisters, who are now fighting for their very existence and honor; to cultivate our German language, customs and ideals; and to be upstandingly proud of this all;

- 12) To always remember that only in UNITY is STRENGTH, and that, if firmly united, we then will be of real value and a desirable and respected class of law-abiding citizens of the United States of America." (1)

The Purposes and Aims of the German-American Bund (Amerika-deutscher Volksbund) are as follows:

"To unite all honorable, serious-minded, courageous and unselfish men and women of the Germanic Race, now loyal citizens or residents of the United States, proud of their Germanic blood, and treasuring German traditions, language, and ideals of national and individual liberty, justice, truth, duty and absolute honesty, into one great, free, proud and respect-demanding German American Bund for the mutual benefit of the United States of America and Germany.

So bound together by our blood, ideals, and sympathies, by our free will, firm conviction, and determination to further the interests of both the United States of America, the country of our free choice or adoption, and Germany, the land of our birth and ancestors, we are obliged and we resolved:

- 1) Above all to uphold and defend the constitution and the laws of the United States of America;
- 2) To respect and honor the Flag and Institutions of the United States of America, and to cultivate their lofty ideals;
- 3) To promote Good-will, lasting friendship and continued beneficial relations between the United States of America and Germany;
- 4) We pledge our best efforts to expose and depose Communism, Marxism, Internationalism and Un-American Boycott Rackets within the United States of America.
- 5) To defend with all lawful means at our disposal the good name and honor of our mother-country Germany against all base defamation, will-ful and poisonous

(1) Pamphlet - "PU: GOAL and AIMS, 'The American League of the 'Friends of the New Germany.'"

lies, and purposeful malice, emanating from any ill-wishing, jealous, avaricious and ignorant source whatsoever, be it race, people, tribe, clan, nation, association or individual, against a propaganda still being spread by print, scribble and mouth, openly and covertly, through books, magazines, newspapers, leaflets, and just cowardly rumors;

- 6) To try to bring home to our American co-citizens the real and indisputable German achievements in the sciences and arts, the German inventions and contributions toward the advancement of agriculture, industry and commerce, the great, world-wide recognized, German institutions of learning, the German high standard of the various professions, handicrafts and labor, the outstanding German laws and institutions for the protection and welfare of especially the working classes, the high German ideals of liberty, of justice, of honor, and of education, the honorable and energetic effort the new German Government is making to promote equality of classes of mental and physical workers, as long as they really work earnestly and intelligently not alone in their own individual interest but also in the interest of the commonwealth, the commendable, virtuous and forceful efforts of the new German Government to oppose, suppress, punish and eradicate all selfish interests trying to cheat, defraud, or graft;
- 7) To abstain from useless, harmful, and ignoble propaganda and incriminations of any kind;
To act at all times, everywhere, and under all conditions as straight-forward, courageous, just and honorable descendants of the Germanic Race, setting an example of blameless conduct, thereby unavoidably creating an atmosphere of genuine Good-will towards the German People and their Government;
- 8) To work incessantly and courageously for the fundamental right of every civilized nation to tend to their own business of self-government without any undue interference, threats, boycotts, or other illegal violence from outsiders;
- 9) To co-operate freely and willingly with all of good-will to promote mutual understanding and friendship among nations and for an honorable peace among mankind;
- 10) To keep our league clean of heart and mind, banning all

selfish inclinations, and to stand unwaveringly for our motto: 'ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL';

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standingly proud of this all;
- 12) To always remember that only in UNITY is STRENGTH, and that, if firaly united, we then will be of real value and a desirable and respected class of law-abiding citizens of the United States of America." (1)

The Constitution of the German-American Bund was first unanimously adopted at the National Convention at "Deutschherst," Croydon, Pennsylvania, in 1935 and amended in Buffalo, New York, in 1936. (2)

Its Preamble provides:

"We associate ourselves together to unite all honorable, seriously-minded, courageous and unselfish men and women of the Germanic Race, loyal and prospective citizens of the United States, proud of their German blood, and treasuring German traditions, language and ideals of national and individual liberty, justice, truth, duty and absolute honesty, into one great, free, proud and respect-commanding German American Bund for the mutual benefit of the United States of America and Germany."

Article II of the Constitution provides the following aims and Purposes:

"The aims and purposes of this organization shall be

(1) Above all to uphold and defend the Constitution and the Laws of the United States of America;

(2) To respect and honor the Flag and institutions of the United States of America, and to cultivate their lofty ideals;

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- (1) Pamphlet - "PURPOSE and AIMS, German American Bund."
 - (2) Constitution of the German-American Bund, page 24.

(3) To promote good-will, lasting friendship and continued beneficial relations between the United States of America and Germany;

(4) To defend with all lawful means at our disposal the good name and honor of our mother-country (Germany) against base defamation, willful and poisonous lies, and purposeful malice, emanating from any ill-wishing, jealous, avaricious or ignorant source whatsoever, be it race, people, tribe, clan, nation, association or individual; against propaganda spread by print, script or mouth, openly or covertly, through books, magazines, newspapers, leaflets, or merely cowardly rumors;

(5) To try to bring a better understanding to our American fellow-citizens of the real and indisputable German achievements in the sciences and arts, the German inventions and contributions toward the advancement of agriculture, industry and commerce; the great, world-wide recognized, German institutions of learning, the German high standard of the various professions, handicrafts and labor, the outstanding German laws and institutions for the protection and welfare of the country as a whole, the ancient German ideals of liberty, justice, honor, and education.

(6) To abstain from useless, harmful, and ignoble propaganda and incriminations of any kind;

(7) To act at all times, everywhere, and under all conditions, as straight-forward, courageous, just and honorable descendants of the Germanic Race, setting an example of blameless conduct, thereby creating an atmosphere of genuine Good-will towards the German people and their government;

(8) To work incessantly and courageously for the fundamental right of every civilized nation to tend to its own business of self-government without interference from outsiders;

(9) To co-operate freely and willingly with all persons of good-will to promote mutual understanding and friendship among nations and for an honorable peace among mankind;

(10) To keep our Bund clean of heart and mind, banning all selfish inclinations, and to stand unwaveringly for our own as well as the welfare of our fellow-citizens.

(11) To be and remain worthy of our Germanic blood, our German Motherland, our German brothers and sisters, and to cultivate our German language, customs and ideals; and to be upstandingly proud of these principles;

(12) To always remember that only in Unity there is Strength, and that, if firmly united, we shall be of real value and a desirable and respected class of law-abiding citizens of the United States of America." (1)

At the time of the 1938 National Convention of the German-American Bund in New York City in September, 1938 there was promulgated the following statement of "Purposes and Aims of the German American Bund":

"To unite all honorable, courageous and loyal Citizens and Aspirants to Citizenship of the United States of America, of the Germanic Race, proud of their blood, traditions, language and ideals of freedom, justice, duty and absolute honesty, into one great, nation-wide, respect-commanding German American Bund, solemnly resolved:

1--Above all to honor and defend the Constitution, Flag and Institutions of these United States of America and to cultivate the lofty ideals of the founders of the Nation!

2--To zealously combat all Atheistic Teachings and all abuse of the pulpits designed to undermine the Morals, Ethics or Patriotism of Americans, and to as vigorously defend the right of every Man to absolute Religious Freedom in every other respect!

3--To unequivocally oppose all Racial Intermixture between Aryans (White Gentiles) on the one hand, and Asiatics, Africans or other non-Aryans on the other, to the end that the race-legislation already in twenty-eight States of the Union and to a degree incorporated in our Country's immigration laws, may be scientifically perfected and applied throughout the Nation; to earnestly strive to further a true respect, understanding and friendship between these racially dissimilar groups, based upon a recognition and not upon a denial of the

(1) Constitution of the German-American Bund, pages 1, 2 and 3.

Almighty's immutable racial Laws!

4—To uncompromisingly fight, with every lawful means at our disposal, against all Subversive Internationalism, in order that Marxism and all allied phenomena, from the Communist Party which openly advocates the overthrow by force and violence of our Government, to the liberal-pacifistic forces undermining the morale of Youth, from the Alien-controlled, international so-called Labor Movements preaching the madness of class-hatred throughout the world to the Rackets of international High Finance which are enslaving the Nation, may be outlawed and uprooted; to just as staunchly champion every American Political Movement, Labor Organisation, Financial Institution and so forth, insofar as nothing is placed above the Nation and no Alien Leadership or Domination is tolerated serving the interests of true Social Justice, teaching each element of the Citizenry to understand the need for cooperation with the others and recognizing as its ideal the following basic principle: 'The Common Good before Private Gain'!

5—To unite with all Americans defending the Aryan Culture and Code of Ethics upon which this Nation was founded, helping to build a great American Movement of Liberation under the Swastika, the common Symbol of the Defenders of Aryan Nationalism against the Bolshevik Scourge, regardless of the form of Government or Religion involved, which is already being used in Germany, Great Britain, the Netherlands, the Scandinavian Countries, White Russia, the Ukraine, France and Belgium, Canada and other Countries, in order that the Dictatorship of a small, racially and ethically alien, Jewish-international minority, to which the Mind of the entire Nation is rapidly being subjected, may be broken, restoring true Proportionate Representation to the hundred million Aryan Americans in the vital fields of the Press, Radio, Stage, Screen, Education, Legislation, Justice, Finance and the Professions, so that the Aims outlined in the preceding paragraphs may be achieved and these United States reconstituted the sovereign and independent God-fearing and cultured, racially and ethically healthy Nation envisaged by its Founders!

6—To strive for a true Peace, based upon mutual understanding and friendship between our Country and others, by recognizing and respecting the differences which exist between even the various Aryan Nations and by defending the fundamental right of every civilized Country to govern itself without interference

from outside, by disseminating other Countries and of value in serving the cause of such Peace and Friendship, and finally by exposing and combatting all atrocity and boycott propaganda, base defamation, distortion of news and malicious lies, tending to create hatred and a war-psychosis promising benefit only to the everlasting international parasites!

7—To recognize as eternal Law that only he can serve his God and Country well who strives to develop his capabilities in accord with his inherited characteristics, and that consequently a renegade to his Race cannot be a good American Citizen; to therefore defend our Right to cherish the German Language and German Customs and our Right and Duty to defend the good name of all things German against slanderous attacks of any kind, emanating from any ill-wishing, jealous, avaricious or ignorant source whatsoever if be it Nation, Race, Tribe, Association or Individual; to force nation-wide recognition of the incontrovertible fact that our Organization desires to be no more and no less than a useful part of the desperately needed Great Aryan Movement for a Free and Clean America, accords the same respect to every other Element of our Country's Citizenship which it demands for ours, is as American as any other and is entitled to the same Rights and Privileges under the Bill of Rights accorded to any other Organization in the country!" (1)

Likewise at the time of the 1938 National Convention of the German-American Bund in New York City in September 1938 the Bund's Declaration of Principles was enunciated as follows:

"The following declaration was made by Chairman Fritz Kuhn at Camp Woodland in an address to the thousands of members and visiting delegates on Sunday, September 4:

1. A socially just, white, Gentile-ruled United States.
2. Gentile-controlled labor unions free from Jewish Moscow-directed domination.
3. Gentiles in all positions of importance in government, national defense, and educational institutions.
4. Severance of diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia, outlawing of the Communist Party in the United States, prosecution of all known Communists for high treason.

(1) Deutscher Beckruf und Beobachter, September 8, 1938, page 2

5. Immediate cessation of the dumping of all political refugees on the shores of the United States.

6. Thorough cleaning of the Hollywood film industries of all alien, subversive doctrines.

7. Cessation of all abuse of the freedom of the pulpit, press, radio and stage.

8. A return of our Government to the policies of George Washington. Aloofness from foreign entanglements. Severance of all connections with the League of Nations." (1)

The most recent expressions of the Purposes and Aims of the German-American Bund are as follows:

"To unite all honorable, courageous and loyal Citizens and Aspirants to Citizenship of the United States of America, of the German Race, proud of their blood, traditions, language and ideals of freedom, justice, duty and absolute honesty, into one great, nationwide, respect-commanding German American Bund, solemnly resolved:

1—Above all to honor and defend the Constitution, Flag and Institutions of these United States of America and to cultivate the lofty ideals of the founders of the Nation!

2—To zealously combat all Atheistic Teachings and all abuse of the pulpits designed to undermine the Morals, Ethics or Patriotism of Americans, and to as vigorously defend the right of every Man to absolute Religious Freedom in every other respect!

3—To unequivocally oppose all Racial Intermixture between Aryans (White Gentiles) in the one hand, and Asiatics, Africans or other non-Aryans on the other, to the end that the race-legislation already enacted in twenty-eight States of the Union and to a degree incorporated in our Country's immigration laws, may be scientifically perfected and applied throughout the Nation; to earnestly strive to further a true respect, understanding and friendship between these racially dissimilar groups, based upon a recognition and not upon a denial of the Almighty's immutable racial Laws!

(1) Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, September 8, 1938, page 1.

4--To uncompromisingly fight, with every lawful means at our disposal, against all Subversive Internationalism, in order that Marxism and all allied phenomena, from the Communist Party which openly advocates the overthrow by force and violence of our Government, to the liberal-pacifistic forces undermining the morale of Youth, from the Alien-controlled, international so-called Labor Movements preaching the madness of classhatred throughout the world, to the Rackets of international High Finance which are enslaving the Nation, may be outlawed and uprooted; to just as staunchly champion every American Political Movement, Labor Organisation, Financial Institution and so forth, insofar as nothing is placed above the Nation and no Alien-Leadership or Domination is tolerated, serving the interests of true Social Justice, teaching each element of the Citizenry to understand the need for cooperation with the others and recognizing as its ideal the following basic principle: 'The Common Good before Private Gain'!

5--To unite with all Americans defending the Aryan Culture and Code of Ethics upon which this Nation was founded, helping to build a great American Movement of Liberation, in order that the Dictatorship of a small, racially and ethically alien, Jewish-international minority, to which the Mind of the entire Nation is rapidly being subjected, may be broken, restoring true Proportionate Representation to the hundred million Aryan Americans in the vital fields of the Press, Radio, Stage, Screen, Education, Legislation, Justice, Finance and the Professions, so that the Aims outlined in the preceding paragraphs may be achieved and these United States reconstituted the sovereign and independent, God-fearing and cultured, racially and ethically healthy Nation envisaged by its Founders! The Swastika, our Fighting Symbol, has already become the Common Sign of Recognition of Defenders of Aryan Nationalism against the Bolshevik Scourge in Germany, Great Britain, White Russia, the Netherlands, the Scandinavian Countries, Canada and other Countries, regardless of the Form of Government or Religion involved!

6--To strive for a true Peace, based upon mutual understanding and friendship between our Country and others,

by recognizing and respecting the differences which exist between even the various Aryan Nations and by defending the fundamental right of every civilized Country to govern itself without interference from outside, by disseminating among our Countrymen all Truths known to us concerning other Countries and of value in serving the cause of such Peace and Friendship, and finally by exposing and combatting all atrocity and boycott propaganda, base defamation, distortion of news and malicious lies, tending to create hatred and a war-psychosis promising benefit only to the everlasting international parasites!

7--To recognize as eternal Law, that only he can serve his God and Country well who strives to develop his capabilities in accord with his inherited characteristics, and that consequently a renegade to his Race cannot be a good American Citizen; to therefore defend our Right to cherish the German Language and German Customs and our Right and Duty to defend the good name of all things German against slanderous attacks of any kind, emanating from ill-wishing, jealous, avaricious or ignorant source whatsoever, be it Nation, Race, Tribe, Association or Individual; to force nation-wide recognition of the incontrovertible fact that our Organization desires to be no more and no less than a useful part of the desperately needed Great Aryan Movement for a Free and Clean America, accords the same respect to every other element of our Country's Citizenry which it demands for ours, is as American as any other and is entitled to the same Rights and Privileges under the Bill of Rights accorded to any other Organization in the country!" (1)

(1) Pamphlet - "Mass-Demonstration for True Americanism," February 20, 1939, Madison Square Garden, pages 13 and 21.

On June 23, 1938, James Wheeler-Hill, National Secretary of the German-American Bund and Gustav Elmer, National Organizer of the Bund, testified before the McHale Committee of New York State investigating subversive activities. Both persons testified that:

"The purpose of the Bund was to build a great American movement of liberation under the swastika, the common Symbol of Aryan Nationalism....." (1)

During the McHale investigation Fritz Kuhn also identified the purposes and aims of the Bund to be

"to build an Aryan movement under the swastika..." (2)

It is to be noted that

"helping to build a great American Movement of Liberation under the swastika, the common Symbol of the Defenders of Aryan Nationalism....."

is No. 5 of the statement of the Aims and Purposes of the Bund, as expressed at the time of its September, 1938 National Convention at New York City and as recorded in the Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter for September 8, 1938, page 2.

At the time of the September 1938 National Convention of the Bund Wilhelm Kunze, National Director of Public Relations of the Bund, declared:

"No change in the aims and purposes of the Bund were either made or considered necessary, nor are any changes contemplated for the future." (3)

Fritz Kuhn has declared that the

"fundamental aims are to promote better relations between the United States and Germany." (4)

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- (1) New York Times, June 23, 1938.
 - (2) New York Times, June 24, 1938.
 - (3) Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, September 15, 1938, page 3.
 - (4) Ibid., page 1.

As late as October 20, 1938, Iuhn repeated that one of the aims of the Bund is the

"..... exposing and combatting all atrocity and boycott propaganda." (1)

George Proboas, the Midwest Department Leader for the German-American Bund, in addressing the September, 1938 National Convention of the Bund in New York City, declared:

"..... and the un-American and unlawful boycotts are the very causes of the founding of our organization." (2)

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- (1) Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, October 20, 1938, page 2.
(2) Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, September 15, 1938, page 4.

~~X~~ RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were adopted by the German-American Bund at its National Convention in New York City in September, 1938:

"For a Gentile-Controlled America"

Resolutions Unanimously Adopted by the Sixth National Convention of the German American Bund

WHEREAS this Nation was conquered, pioneered and built by White Men, whose Culture, Form of Government and Ideals of Americanism are being undermined and destroyed by an alien minority with an unassimilable code, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we demand a socially just, White-Gentile ruled United States; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government has countenanced and encouraged the development of the CIO for the promotion of sovietizing through terroristic measures such as Sit-Down Strikes, Seizure of Property, Sabotage, etc., under the leadership of such radical Jews as Sidney Hillman, David Dubinsky and others, and,

WHEREAS these Communist-controlled organizations and individuals are being welded into a powerful United Front by the Jewish Labor Committee for the proposed revolutionary overthrow of our Republic, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we demand Gentile - controlled American Labor Unions, free of Jewish, Moscow-directed domination; and

WHEREAS there has been an ever-increasing control of our Courts and Public Offices by Talmudic Jews, and because of their claim, that they 'have fortunate contacts with the various judges of the supreme bench' and,

WHEREAS, by systematic reorganization of our armed forces, officers loyal to the Constitution have been replaced and demoted, therefore

RESOLVED, that we demand Gentile citizens in all positions of importance in the Courts of Law, in the National Defense Forces, in Educational Institutions and in Government; and

WHEREAS the Soviet Government has consistently violated certain terms of its Recognition Agreement with the U. S. Government, to wit; the spreading of vicious and subversive propaganda, aimed at the overthrow of the existing constitutional government, the countenancing and promotion of the Communist Party in the U. S. A., therefore

RESOLVED that we demand severance of Diplomatic Relations with Soviet Russia, the outlawing of the Communist Party in the United States, and prosecution of all known Communists for High Treason; and

WHEREAS the Secretaries of State and Labor propose to set aside immigration restrictions for the purpose of receiving into this country the unwanted Jews of Europe, and

WHEREAS such mass-immigration of unassimilable aliens would further unbalance our economic system, by glutting the unemployment and relief rolls with non-citizens, therefore

RESOLVED that we demand immediate cessation of all dumping of undesirable aliens, disguised as political refugees on the shores of the United States; and

WHEREAS the Hollywood Film Monopoly has been exposed by the Dies Congressional Committee as a hotbed of subversive influences,

RESOLVED, that we demand a thorough cleaning of this most important medium of propaganda and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of the left-wing Federal Council of the Churches of Christ, there has been organized a complete censorship of all Christian news releases, under control of the Conference of Jews and Christians, and

WHEREAS the Public Press and Radio by reason of powerful influences exercised by Jewish Advertisers, Stockholders, and political powers, are not free to render their proper service as American Institutions,

RESOLVED, that we demand action to end abuse of the Freedom of the Pulpit, Press, Radio and Stage, which is undermining the Patriotism and Morals of the American People; and

WHEREAS intervention in European affairs on the part of our Government, occasioned by undue influence of Jewish-inspired British Imperialism, and unduly close relations with international religious or other movements with political aims, have only furthered the cause of injustice in Europe and tend to divide our racially and religiously mixed population into warring factions, and

WHEREAS International Control exercised over these United States by the League of Nations has practically destroyed the Sovereignty of this Nation, and

WHEREAS the League of Nations is an international organization directed by the Jewish Agency for the benefit of world-Jewry, acting through the Bank of International Settlements, the International Agricultural Mortgage Credit Company, the Committee for Intellectual Cooperation and the International Labor Bureau, the seat of all world labor disorders, therefore

RESOLVED that we demand a return to the policies of George Washington on the part of our Government, aloofness from all foreign entanglements and the severance of all official or secret connections with the League of Nations or its Agencies; and

WHEREAS the Tripartite Agreement regulating the value of the Dollar, the Pound and the Franc, and other similar arrangements represent a curtailment of the sovereignty of the Nation and have caused continual disturbances in our economic system,

RESOLVED, that we demand an abrogation of such agreements binding us to international banking and credit institutions, and the creation of a National American Financial System, with the value of the medium of exchange based on the productive ability of our people and on the natural resources of the Nation." (1)

(1) Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, September 15, 1938, pages 1 and 2.

~~X~~ DEUTSCHER-KONSUM VERBAND,
INCORPORATED
~~X~~ (German Consumers Association)

On July 4, 1935, the business organization of the German-American Bund, the Deutscher-Konsum Verband, also known as the German Consumers Association, was established. (1)

The Deutscher-Konsum Verband was incorporated in the State of New York pursuant to Article 2 of the Stock Corporation Law. The Certificate of Incorporation bears No. 5183 and the incorporation was filed with the Department of State of the State of New York on April 3, 1937.

The ~~X~~ Certificate of Incorporation discloses that the purposes for which the ~~said corporation~~ was formed are as follows:

- "1. To buy, sell, acquire, own, lease, occupy and deal in real estate, in connection with the objects of this corporation, and for the purpose of the business of this corporation.
2. To make and execute mortgages and issue bonds and other obligations in payment of property purchased or acquired by this corporation, or for any object in or acquired by this corporation, or for any object in or about its business.
3. To borrow money, incur debts and liabilities for the objects of the corporation, and secure the same as above provided.
4. For the purposes of carrying on the business and furthering the objects, to do any and all of such acts and things and all other acts necessary and proper for carrying on its business.
5. To manage property purchased by this corporation, and to purchase and sell stock.
6. To organize business men and consumers and to conduct an information service between Germany and America.

(1) Year-book of the German-American Bund for 1937.

7. To carry on business in the various states, territories, districts and insular possessions of the United States and in foreign countries as factors, agents and commission merchants; to solicit, receive, pack, crate, ship, bill and collect for all articles of merchandise offered by domestic manufacturers for sale and disposal in foreign countries, and to investigate, buy, secure, pack, crate, ship, bill and collect for all machinery, goods, wares, merchandise and commodities of domestic manufacture desired by corporations, associations, individuals or firms located in foreign countries. To import and export goods, wares and merchandise.

The amount of the capital stock of the said corporation shall be the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.) Dollars, which shall consist of common stock.

The number of shares of which the said capital stock shall consist shall be Fifty (50) of the par value of One Hundred (\$100.) Dollars each.

The office of the corporation is to be located at 178 East 85th Street, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York...."

The Certificate of Incorporation provided for four Directors until the first annual meeting of the stockholders. These first named Directors are as follows:

Max ~~Rapp~~
Fritz ~~Kuhn~~
William ~~Luettke~~
Herman ~~Schwartzmann~~.

Each Director is listed as having taken one share of stock.

The Secretary of State at New York is designated as the agent of the corporation upon whom process in any action or proceeding against it may be served. (1)

The present officers of the Deutscher-Konsum Verband are as follows:

(1) Certificate of Incorporation of the Deutscher-Konsum Verband.

National Chairman - Fritz Kuhn
 Eastern District
 Chairman - Rudolf Markmann
 National Secretary - Willy Luedtke
 National Treasurer - Max Rapp (1)

One authority points out that the Deutscher-Konsum Verband holds a Christmas Fair each year in all the larger cities of the United States,

"..... in order to signify thereby, also outwardly, that the American-German Peoples League is very serious about taking care of the economic interests of our business people on this side and on the other side of the great Atlantic. Thereby the Christmas Fair is the living expression of the iron determination to form commercial relations between America and Germany, as well as to put up on the other hand a resistance - more successful in each succeeding year recently - against the Jewish boycott of German goods, a resistance in an unspeakably difficult struggle which on the side of their enemies is being waged with equal bitter determination - a fight for the continued existence of the German racial Christian businessman in our new home country. Justice is being done to this endeavor in a very special manner this year by the Christmas Fair of the D.K.V. in the most beautiful and elegant exposition hall in Greater New York, the Grand Central Palace, which aside from its Fair purpose will serve for free purchases and sales, maintaining a huge exhibition of German goods which causes justified and approving attention far beyond the city limits." (2)

The D.K.V. is also described in the following language:

"The German Consumers Association (D.K.V.) is the economic interests representation of German-American businessmen and consumers; its goal is the mutual support in the economic field for the furtherance of imports and the furtherance of the turnover of German products, for the fighting of the boycott of German goods and for the strengthening of the independent Aryan businessman.

Through the regular issuance of economic guidebooks and by means of rebate savings stamp system, this goal is

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- (1) "Official Program and Guide" for the German Exposition at Grand Central Palace, New York City, December 15 - 23, 1938.
 - (2) Year-book of the German-American Fund, for 1938, pages 15 and 16.

carried out in practical form. The central business offices of the D.K.V. are:

For the East	- D.K.V. Business Office, 178 East 85th Street, New York City.
For the Middle West	- D.K.V. Business Office, 3853-57 Northwestern Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
For Pennsylvania, Maryland and Wash- ington, D. C.	- D.K.V. Business Office, 3718 North 5th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania." (1)

It is to be noted that these addresses are likewise the addresses for the headquarters of the German-American Bund, located in the cities named.

Another authority points out that:

"The German-American Business League, Incorporated, is the representative of the economic interests of German-American consumers and business people.

The aim of the League is mutual support upon the economic field in order to augment the sales of German products, and to fight unlawful boycotts." (2)

"The G.A.B.L. has the following working system: the consumer receives a discount book, in which a saving stamp is placed by the businessman for each ten cent purchase. The book contains space for five hundred stamps. The filled book may be exchanged at the office of the League and the consumer shall receive \$1.25 in cash for every filled book." (3)

The D.K.V. was not founded for profit. It was originally intended as a matter of self-aid to those holding German ideas. (4)

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- (1) Year-book of the German-American Bund for 1938, page 49.
 - (2) Pamphlet - "Deutscher Konsun Verband" issued by the Chicago Branch of the German-American Business League, Incorporated, 3243 Northwestern Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, page 7.
 - (3) Ibid., page 7.
 - (4) Ibid., page 5.

"Therefore, German-Americans consider it your duty to buy only at D.A.V. stores." (1)

In popularizing the Christmas Fair for 1937 the D.A.V. announced:

"The great Exposition and Christmas Market of the German-American Business League, Incorporated, to be held in New York City from the 16th to the 24th of December, 1937, represents a hitherto unattended opportunity to increase the demand for German goods and service here and for United States goods and service in Germany, to enlighten the buying public regarding the latest achievements in German manufacture and merchandise....."

Additional attractions for the public will be the daily door prizes, including a round-trip ticket to Germany to be given away on Wednesday evening, December 22....." (2)

The close connection between the Deutscher-Konsum Verband and the German-American Bund is shown by the official positions in the German-American Bund for the first Directors of the Deutscher-Konsum Verband.

Fritz Kuhn	- National Chairman of the German-American Volksbund; elected to that office on December 1, 1937.
Willy Luedtke	- Economic Treasurer of the German-American Bund.
Herman Schwartzmann	- Local leader of the Astoria, Long Island local of the German-American Bund.
Max Rapp	- Member of the German-American Bund.

The only change in this list of officers is the substitution of Rudolph Markmann for Herman Schwartzmann. Rudolph Markmann is the leader of the Department East of the German-American Bund.

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- (1) Pamphlet - "Deutscher Konsum Verband" issued by the Chicago Branch of the German-American Business League, Incorporated, 3243 Northwestern Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, page 5.
 - (2) Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, November 25, 1937, page 1.

Max Rapp was interviewed at the headquarters of the German-American Fund in New York City and advised that the D.K.V. is owned by its Directors.

Upon interview Fritz Kuhn stated that the main purpose of the D.K.V. is to fight the anti-Nazi boycott.

The D.K.V. publishes at intervals a Trade Guide containing the names of agrarian merchants acceptable to the German-American Fund. Copies of these Trade Guides are available.

One Trade Guide points out:

"The present time makes economy in all matters a necessity. We, therefore, ask you to make it a habitual to consult the D.K.V. Trade Guide.

Our often repeated call to you is German-Americans select your dealer from our Trade Guide. Always ask for D.K.V. stamps. Buy only in D.K.V. stores." (1)

(1) Fourth Annual Trade Guide of the D.K.V. for New York and Long Island, page 3.

~~GERMAN-AMERICAN SETTLEMENT LEAGUE,~~
INCORPORATED

The German American Settlement League is incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, the certificate having been filed May 17, 1937, under the "Membership Corporation Law." The certificate is signed by:

Henry Wolfgang
1713 Stephens Street
Ridgewood, New York

Bruno Michael
301 Reid Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

Henry Hanck
Yaphank, New York

Adel Bielefeld
2697 Heath Avenue
Bronx, New York

Herman Schwarzsamm
344 Starr Street
Brooklyn, New York

Ernst Mueller
2122 Marrod Street
Ridgewood, New York

These signatories were to be the directors until the first annual meeting. They were described in the document as being citizens of the United States and residents of the State of New York.

Among the particular objectives for which the corporation is established are:

- "SECOND: (a) To introduce, cultivate and propagate in every direction true Germanic culture, to cultivate the German language, customs and ideals;

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- (c) To enlighten them in the true spirit of their civic obligations and the cardinal principles of American citizenship;

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- (e) To promote and inculcate in its youth a spirit of loyalty, love for the country, respect for the flag of the United States, to train and instruct them in the theory and practice of good citizenship;

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- (g) To promote the exchange of its students and German students for the purpose of educational enlightenment and understanding.
- (h) To encourage science and art, and disseminate literature for the purpose of teaching the true ideals of benevolence, charity and philanthropy."

The corporation was intended to operate principally within the State of New York; to be governed by a board of six directors, which were to have control of all the affairs of the corporation, elect all officers and invest all funds, subject to the by-laws of the corporation.

The corporation was not intended to be conducted for pecuniary purposes. (1)

(1) Certificate of Incorporation of the German-American Settlement League.

X A. V. PUBLISHING COMPANY

The A. V. Publishing Corporation (New York) publishers of Der Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, official organ of the German-American Bund and the German-American Business League (D.K.V.) was incorporated in New York State, March 27, 1937, on which date the certificate of incorporation was filed with the Secretary of State. It is signed by:

Fritz J. Kuhn
178 East 85th Street
New York City

James Wheeler-Hill
2198 East 83rd Street
New York City

William Luedtke
1504 Third Avenue
New York City

Each of these persons is shown as the owner of one share of stock, and also as being a director until the first meeting of the stockholders.

The opening paragraph of the certificate states that the signers are all citizens of the United States. The corporation was to issue 5500 shares of stock, of which 5000 at \$10 were to be preferred and the other 500 to be common with no par value. The office of the Corporation is located at 178 East 85th Street, New York City. The certificate of incorporation enumerates the various purposes for which the Corporation is established, which would seem to be primarily those set out in the third paragraph of the purposes:

- "3. To print, publish and distribute newspapers, for the purpose of fostering German and American Relations; to prepare for publication, print, electrotypes, bind, sell and distribute and generally deal in magazines, newspapers, pamphlets, books and publications of all kinds and to engage generally in the business of job and book printers and bookbinders." (1)

The Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter is owned by the A. V. Publishing Corporation, of which the following are the officers:

- (1) Certificate of Incorporation in New York of the A. V. Publishing Corporation.

Fritz Kuhn - President
Richard Lottin - Treasurer
James Wheeler-Hill - Secretary

The address of the Corporation and its officers is 178
East 95th Street, Room 5, New York City. (1)

(1) Deutscher Rundfunk und Beobachter, March 3, 1939, page 4.

~~GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND AUXILIARY~~

The Certificate of Incorporation of the German-American Bund Auxiliary is dated March 22, 1937, and was filed and recorded in the State of New Jersey on April 2, 1937. The incorporation is under the provisions of an act of the New Jersey State Legislature entitled, "An Act to incorporate associations not for pecuniary profit." The purpose of the organization is to acquire, improve and control property to be used for promoting social intercourse among its members. The location of the principal office is given as 925 Danielson Street in the township of North Bergen, New Jersey, and the person against whom process may be served is August Klapprott. The certificate of incorporation provided for eight trustees. The names of the trustees selected for the first year of the existence of the corporation are:

Matthias Kohler
130 Linden Avenue
Irvington, New Jersey.

Herman W. Busch
891 South Seventeenth Street
Newark, New Jersey

August Klapprott
925 Danielson Street
North Bergen, New Jersey

George Neupert
233 Washington Place
Cliffside Park, New Jersey

Willy Luedtke
52 Barbour Street
Haledon, New Jersey

Edward Matthias
695 Midland Avenue
Garfield, New Jersey

Henry Siebert
Cloverdale Avenue
Paramus, New Jersey

Fritz Kuhn
178 East 85th Street
New York City, New York

The certificate of incorporation provides that,

"Hereafter, no person may become or be a member of the corporation unless he shall be an officer of the voluntary organization known as the 'German-American Bund', or some local division thereof in good standing and the Board of Trustees of the Corporation may limit membership of the corporation further by prescribing that a member of the corporation, to be, become or remain such, must hold office of some designated or specified degree or kind in said 'German-American Bund' or some local division thereof in good standing."

The certificate further provides that when such persons shall cease to be the holder of such an office in the "German-American Bund" or a local division thereof, they shall at once cease to be members of the "German-American Bund Auxiliary." (1)

(1) Certificate of Incorporation of the German-American Bund Auxiliary

DECLARATIONS INDICATIVE OF AGENCY RELATIONSHIP

"The D. K. V.'s aim is . . . the strengthening of the independent Aryan business man." (1)

"As soon as October 12, 1924, that is many years before Adolf Hitler seized power in Germany, Fritz Glasohl with a few friends founded the 'Teutonia', that little association out of which the league of the Friends of the New Germany was destined to grow. He took up the fight against the indifference of the old Germans and against the opposition which grew stronger and stronger. They did that as soon as it had become clear that here a movement had started which would stop at nothing in order to achieve its great final goal, namely, the renewing of Germanism on a racial basis. (2)

"Since 1933 the America-Germans are strongly under the long distance influence of the National Socialist new order of the German Reich. . . ." (3)

"Every effort to get the German youth is of increased importance today over there, inasmuch as the Germans can no longer send their youth across the ocean. . . ." For that reason the Youth Groups of the American-German League are a real accomplishment for Germanism." (4)

"The idea must be recognized: maintenance of racial Germanism (in America) at any price." (5)

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- (1) Yearbook of the German-American Bund, 1937, page 40.
 - (2) Ibid., page 50.
 - (3) Ibid., page 53.
 - (4) Ibid., page 55.
 - (5) Ibid., page 62.

"The Germany of today regards every single one as a racial German comrade who is of German descent and of German blood and who will publicly confess to the German language and German Kultur. The Germany of today does not ask that you neglect your duties as Americans, but the Germany of today says: Only he can become a good American who is also a good German." (1)

"...and he (Adolf Hitler) has given this goal to an entire nation and thereby he has given it to us (German-Americans) too and we will reach it and we will accomplish that the people in America will once more have respect for the Germans and respect for the German home country, that they will be glad of the resurrection of Germany and give homage to its leader, the saviour of the world against Bolshevism." (2)

In dedicating Camp Nordland it was explained:

"With the festive act of today we are attempting to give over officially this magnificent little piece of God's earth to its real destination: service to the German racial idea."

"The mission which our Camp has to fulfill is a holy one just as every service in the interest of our German racial idea is a holy and noble one. We, the living generation who have called into life this enterprise, consecrate this work to the service of the German racial idea in America."

"Camp Nordland is a fundamental column of our movement which in a worthy manner may take its place at the side of about twenty other enterprises of a similar nature which already exist in America. It is furthermore a project which is supposed to lay the foundation stone for real estate purchases in the cities

(1) Yearbook of the German-American Bund, 1937, page 63.

(2) Ibid., page 63.

"so that we will be put in a position to found 'German houses' and other institutions for German Kultur and Germanism will be fostered and practiced. Then we will sit around these places a unified proud racially conscious German. The fulfillment of this task is the greatest service which we can render to our old and our new home country, and the most valuable heritage which we can leave to our survivors."

"Our 'Camp' is designed principally to be a place which breathes of the spirit of the new Germany. Conscious of this fact, the 'Camp' is consecrated to our youth. It is there that our boys and girls shall be educated; it is there where the spirit of camaraderie and the feeling of belonging to one community is to be inculcated into them; it is there where they shall learn the 'you for me, I for you'; it is there where they shall be strengthened and confirmed in national Socialism so that they will be conscious of the role which has been assigned to them as the future carriers of German racial ideas in America."

"Hereby we give you over, 'Camp Nordland', to your holy mission. We consecrate you as a little piece of German soil in America, as a sample of our motto: 'Obligated to America, tied to Germany.'" (1)

"By fighting the Jew I fight for the work of the Lord."
Der Fuehrer (Adolf Hitler.) (2)

"THE FORMULA TODAY IS: either actively with us -- or against us. There can no longer be any neutrality in any place where our enlightenment has penetrated. To remain neutral furthermore means: to take an attitude against us, against an upright taking care of our interests of Germanism in the U.S.A." (3)

"And thus the German human being is and remains our racial comrade regardless of citizenship papers which he may own in any country." (4)

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- (1) Pamphlet - Camp Nordland, dated July 18, 1937. Issued by German-American Bund Auxiliary, Incorporated.
(2) Die Jungmadelnschaft, March, 1937, page 1.
(3) Yearbook of the German-American Bund for 1938, page 28.
(4) Ibid., page 30.

Page 39 of the Yearbook of the German-American Bund for 1938 contains the picture of the German Ambassador, Dr. Hans Dieckhoff, below which is the caption "Exalted Visitor!".

"On August 8, 1937, the newly appointed German Ambassador in Washington, Dr. Hans Dieckhoff, paid a visit to the summer camp of Local Buffalo. The Ambassador is shown standing in front of a group of girls of the Girls Division, Buffalo, greeting the delighted crowd of people."

The 1938 Yearbook of the German-American Bund appears to have been prepared to a large extent by a Bund member, Severin Winterscheidt. On page 2 of the Yearbook Winterscheidt makes the following statement:

"In truly National-Socialist spirit of assistance and racial unity my work was made considerably easier through the unselfish obligingness which was proven to us by the "Institute for Germans Abroad" in Stuttgart by its gratis manufacturing of the majority of the series of picture cuts which found use in the Yearbook and which contribute materially to the embellishment and to the enlightenment of German racial comrades and of American citizens.

"Nowhere in the wide world is there a greater splitting-up of Germanism than exists here in our new home land, the United States of America. To fuse this Germanism into one great and unified working community means a task which only such a movement could dare to undertake which is internally strong and young and which tries and will continue to try to utilize the rich experiences already proven during the past difficult years that they were able to do positive Germanism work." (1)

"Thus the German-American Peoples League made it its task to spread with all means and ways at its disposal enlightenment about the new Germany, its Weltanschauung and especially about the carrying out of all endeavors and ideas within the Third Reich. . . ." (2)

(1) Yearbook of the German-American Bund for 1938, page 21.

(2) Yearbook of the German-American Bund for 1938, page 25.

The following poem, by Ernest Rheydtalittner, appeared in a recent issue of Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, the official organ of the German-American Bund:

"AMERICA-GERMANS GREET THE HOMELAND

We greet you, - you proud German land
As real sons, - far away from you - but not
separated
We weave faithfully for you the bond of racial
community
And we follow you in battle and eternal peace!

Even if one or the other may break down in the
battle
His last smile lives for German lands
And his lips still quiver in a sacred promise:
"Racial German brothers will continue to build!"

Therefore accept our salute you hard German
earth.
Even the poorest son of your people extends his
hand to you:
That there may be no more boundaries between the
folkdom.
That we may LOVE you, - MOTHER COUNTRY!

And when the waves clash wildly in the storm
And the sea fiercely lashes the ragged cliff wall:
Then you must listen to the words of your children
They salute you, - you sacred German country!"(1)

Herman Schwinn, addressing the September, 1938, convention of the German-American Bund in New York City, declared, "Buy Gentile, vote Gentile, employ Gentiles" (2)

"One Folkdom, one Bund, one Fuehrer." (3)

"We are an American organization and nothing else.
As a purely American organization we have taken up
the fight against the Jews for the sake of this, our
country. Our enemies call us Nazis and we proudly

(1) Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, March 9, 1939, page 3.

(2) Ibid., September 15, 1938, page 4.

(3) Ibid., August 18, 1938, page 7, and March 9, 1939, page 5.

"confess that we are. Yes, we are the American Nazis" (1)

George Frobose, addressing the September, 1938, convention of the German-American Bund in New York City, stated:

"We will continue to cherish these our sympathies for everything which is German and tell the investigators in Washington that we have not the slightest intention of changing our attitude whether they like it or not. We will continue to visit Germany, and if given a chance stand like men before Hitler and thank him for saving Germany from that bloody and godless Asiatic monster called Jewish Communism." (2)

The following is the slogan of the German-American Bund as of February 20, 1939:

"Our aim a united Germandom." (3)

"We have to speak of the Reich.

The repeated insinuations that the Bund's primary interests are German, are justified only in so far as the Bund forms a much-needed medium for presenting the American public with truthful statements of facts concerning a highly controversial subject, the true character of which is wilfully suppressed or distorted in daily installments of fabricated news. It faces the alternative in this task of either remaining silent in the face of the misrepresentation and defacement of the ancestral home of millions of citizens, or to employ what resistance it can offer to unscrupulous propaganda; in which case it cannot avoid frequent reference to the Reich and its government.

Self-defense is the first law of nature. Since the poisonous attacks on Germany directly recoil upon us of German stock - though we are not responsible for Germany's policies - no recourse is left us but to try to disentangle the truth about Germany

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- (1) Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, September 3, 1938, pages 1 and 2.
 - (2) Ibid., September 15, 1938, page 4.
 - (3) Life Magazine, March 6, 1939, page 57.

from the daily output of lies for the
creation of misunderstandings." (1)

The pamphlet entitled "The New Germany Under Hitler," published
by the Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, contains a statement on the back
cover quoted as follows:

"In order to get a
true picture of conditions in Germany
and elsewhere
read the papers of the
GERMAN AMERICAN BUND

Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter
New York
Central Organ of the Movement
P. O. Box 24, Station K New York, N. Y.

Deutscher Weckruf, Chicago
Our Weekly in the Middlewest
3243 N. Western Avenue Chicago, Ill.

Philadelphia
Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter
3718 N. Fifth Street Philadelphia, Pa.

California Weckruf
Deutsches Haus
634 West 15th Street Los Angeles, Cal.

The first three papers appear weekly. Sub-
scription Rates \$3 per year.
Single Copies 5¢ Ask for sample copies."

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- (1) Portion of an affidavit of Fritz Kuhs "To the Congress of the United
States and all others whom it may concern," dated October 12, 1938,
appearing in the Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, October 20, 1938.

The following advertisement appeared in the Year-book of the German-American Bund for 1938, page 43:

"TRAVEL TO GAY GERMANY! Under this motto the Third Reich invites the world to participate in the joy of life of the New Germany, to get to know the spirit of the New Germany, and to participate in and live with all the glorious feasts and events which are being offered to the guest from abroad in this year of joy and gaiety in the old home country. Because 'the National-Socialist Germany of Adolf Hitler is in this unrest of the world an island of peace, a country of quiet, order and security' in which everyone shall participate and participates in everything which makes life a joy."

The following advertisement appeared on page 47 of the 1938 Year-book of the German-American Bund:

"THE TRUTH

about Germany and America
is brought to you
together with fundamental discussions about National-Socialism, enlightening articles about the Jewish question, with exact reports about the defensive struggle against Bolshevism and news about the racial movement from all parts of the U. S.

by the only German newspaper in America
(DEUTSCHE WACHE UND BEOBSACHTER)
THE GERMAN AWAKENING CRY AND OBSERVER
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and of the

German Consumers Association

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178 East 85th Street New York, N. Y.

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"HERALDS OF THE THIRD REICH

Present day Germany considers that every person of German ancestry and German blood who adheres to German language and culture is a German racial comrade. Germany does not ask you to neglect your duties as an American, but Germany says, only he who is also a good German can become a good American.

Germany considers it as a service to the nation if you greet the rebirth of the German folk, the glorious folk movement of National Socialism, with understanding; when you openly accept the German language, German custom and manner.

We stand here as the heralds of the Third Reich, as preachers of the German world-viewpoint of National Socialism which has displayed before the eyes of the world the incomparable German miracle, the miracle of National Socialism."⁽¹⁾

There appears on pages 56 to 61 of the 1937 Year-book of the German-American Bund an article entitled "The Olympic Trip of the Bund." It is disclosed that on July 23, 1936, more than two hundred members of the German-American Bund departed for Germany on the "NEW YORK"; that among these was an Ordnung Dienst (Orderly Service) contingent of approximately fifty men; that the U. S. members visited the Chancery where an announcement was made:

"The Fuehrer desires to see the Bund leaders in the reception rooms. We are standing before the Chancellor of the Empire, the Fuehrer of Germany. He extends his hand to everyone of us, looks us direct in the eye, lays his hand upon the shoulder of our Bund leader and speaks to us about the Germany which again has become beautiful. He questions us about our German fellow countrymen overseas. He thanks us for our energetic obviations and the infamous false provocations of a custom corrupted press and he inquires

(1) Year-book of the German-American Bund for 1937.

"The German Reich and Americans of German Origin," page 42.

about the course of the rest of the trip in Germany of the Bund."

There are likewise contained in pages 56 to 66 of the 1937 Year-book of the German-American Bund several photographs referring to the trip of the German-American Bund members and the reception given them by Adolf Hitler and Hermann Goering.

DECLARATIONS INDICATIVE OF PRINCIPAL
RELATIONSHIP

A feature article by Bernhard ~~Bergardt~~ of Brenervoerde, Germany, entitled "What They Talk About in Germany," appeared in the Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter and is quoted in part herewith as follows:

"We here in Germany have heard the special joy of the strong flourishing of the German American Fund. In the United States too one begins to feel the approach of the final decision. That is good for all of those who still carry in themselves the seeds of cleaning house, to get prepared for this decision. In Germany one knows well that there where real German fellows and upright German women are ready to work for Germany abroad, this will can be translated into action and the country (the United States) can be snatched from chaos. Germany stands irrevocably committed to its new times and its gigantic ideas: National Socialism! The homeland greets you, fellow countrymen! Stand firm and hold out in the storm. Close the ranks and tie the strap of your helmets tighter.....for yourself and your beautiful country." (1)

Ernst Wilhelm ~~Bohle~~, Chief, Foreign Organization, has declared:

"A German abroad is today a National Socialist, and no newspaper in the world can deny it." (2)

Baron ~~von Neurath~~, in addressing the ~~Fifth Congress of Germans Abroad~~ in August 1937, declared:

"But, while we have not the slightest intention of denying foreign rights we will certainly not permit Germans living abroad to be subjected to any sort of special rulings by foreign governments because of their National Socialist faith." (3)

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- (1) Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, March 2, 1939, page 8.
 - (2) New York Times for August 30, 1937, page 3.
 - (3) Ibid., page 3.

General Hermann Goering, in addressing the Fifth Congress at Stuttgart, Germany, declared:

"Germans abroad can and must help in promoting the sale of German goods. German business firms must under no circumstances employ Jewish representatives, for the Jews have no interest in pushing German goods. You Germans who live abroad must tell everyone in foreign countries: Germany has reached its highest aims in times of peace and will continue its work in peace. You, my compatriots abroad, must be proud of this nation, of this movement, and of its Fuehrer. And when you are defamed and abused abroad then show that you are National Socialists and resent the insult. You Germans who live abroad no matter where, have the right to declare yourselves Germans and National Socialists. You have this right, for the Third Reich is built on the fundamental idea of National Socialist Weltanschauung. The greatest thing the Third Reich has accomplished is this solidarity of all Germans. Go back then into the world and demonstrate this solidarity. Show yourselves as always a true granitelike block of Germanism. Thus will you do the greatest service to the homeland. Be the servants of this homeland. Put away thoughts of personal advantage for greater things--the Nation, Germany." (1)

Dr. Joseph Goebbels, Propaganda Minister, in a closing address to the Fifth Congress, declared:

"Certain foreign newspapers reported--much to my astonishment--that certain cultural attaches would be appointed to German Embassies and Legations abroad. What utter nonsense! Our cultural attaches are the thousands upon thousands of Germans living outside the Fatherland. We have no need to send special cultural attaches to London, Paris, or Washington." (2)

Ernst Wilhelm Bohle, in addressing the Fifth Congress, declared:

"We recognize only one idea: A German always and everywhere remains a German and nothing but a German--and thereby a National Socialist." (3)

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- (1) New York Times, September 3, 1937, page 3.
 - (2) New York Times, September 6, 1937, page 4.
 - (3) New York Times, August 31, 1937, page 7.

In Berlin on August 15, 1937, the National Socialist Kurier announced a "program" for the young German-American corps as follows:

"We desire to bring back Germans in the United States to racial unity. To this end the intellectual and spiritual reform of Americans of German extraction is necessary in accord with the model furnished by the homeland.

When we have attained this goal, the organized German-American influence thus politically reactivated shall be thrown in the balance under our leadership for the coming struggle with Communism and Jews for the Americans' regeneration.

In their summer camps young German-Americans, who owe their duty to America and who are bound to Germany, learn to harmonize their duties as American citizens and their national and racial missions as Germans." (1)

"The Bill of Rights is a wall in which a breach must be made before America's problems can be solved." (2)

"Anti-Semitism in America is a vital necessity for Nazi plans." (3)

Hugo Grothe in his "Handbook of Foreign Germans" writes to the effect that one-fourth of America's blood will not long be denied its rightful place; that the Reich must do everything in its power to make these Americans return to their German race. (4)

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- (1) "Those Nazi Americans," Readers Digest, October, 1937.
 - (2) Quotation from Hans Kiderlen's book, "Journey into New America," quoted by S. K. Padover in "Unser Amerika," Readers Digest, January, 1939.
 - (3) This quotation appeared in Padover's article "Unser Amerika," in the Readers Digest for January, 1939, as having been made by a spokesman for the Nazi Institute for Foreign Propaganda. The identity of the official is not disclosed.
 - (4) "Unser Amerika," by S. K. Padover, Readers Digest, January, 1939.

Minister of the Interior ~~Frick~~, in addressing the Fifth Congress of Germans Abroad at Stuttgart, declared:

"No German abroad may forget that he is always and everywhere a piece of Germany." (1)

It is reported that Pamphlet No. 7 of the official "Nazi Instructions for our Friends Overseas" contains the following:

"The fundamental aim must always be to discredit conditions in the United States." (2)

~~Richard Nitschke~~, in his "Der Auslandsdeutschtum," declared:

"In our position, we cannot afford to give up one-third of our people. We make no distinction between Germans at home and Germans abroad." (3)

S. K. ~~Padover~~, writing in Readers Digest for January, 1939 refers to the book of ~~Colin Ross~~, "Unser Amerika," which was published in Leipzig, Germany, in 1936. Padover points out that the book must be taken as semi-official since Ross is an officer of the Propaganda Institute at Stuttgart and since the organ of the Nazi Party, National-sozialistische Monatshefte (June 1938), urges that his book be given the "most wide-spread distribution."

Padover refers to that portion of Ross' book which urges that the 30,000,000 Germans in the United States should assert the rights of their blood by every and any means. Padover quotes Ross as follows:

"I believe in the German Hour of America. The great historic events usually are prepared underground until they suddenly emerged in the open. The German rebirth in the United States is more powerful than most people think. We Germans in the old country can only watch the great revolution that is preparing over there, not altogether impartially, to be sure; for our hearts will always beat for a people whose blood is one-fourth ours."

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- (1) "Unser Amerika," by S. K. Padover, Readers Digest, January, 1939.
 - (2) Ibid.
 - (3) Ibid.

From amongst them (Germans in America) will arise a German Thomas Paine.... He will unite all of German blood. All will come as soon as they have realized the simple truth that they are not 'Americans,' but 'Amerikaner,' men of German blood and American soil."

Adolf ~~X~~Hitler has declared:

"The German Reich as a State must embrace all Germans not only for the purpose of uniting and maintaining the most valuable racial elements of this nation but also for the purpose of raising the German nation gradually and safely to a dominating position." (1)

".....Youth, considering itself as a responsible part of greater Germany, still knows how to differentiate in its definitions, within the hundred million-nation, between German citizens within Germany and German citizens abroad ('Auslandreichsdeutsche,' also 'Die Auslandreichsdeutschen kommen zur Wahl!') and other Germans abroad. But at the same time they will admit that blood is stronger than a passport!.....

.....We will never call German people who are citizens of foreign countries aliens but racial comrades! German people will always remain our racial comrades even if foreign citizenship is forced upon them..... We will always remember that we, Germans, are not only citizens of the largest German state, of the German Reich, but that we are also racial comrades of more than 30 million Germans outside our borders. We must not..... tire to say to ourselves, to our 25 neighboring countries and to the world that state boundaries of today are not national boundaries and must never become cultural boundaries." (2)

(1) "Mein Kampf," Munich, Franz Eher, 1934, page 439, as quoted by S. K. Padover in Readers Digest, January, 1939.

"The German Reich and Americans of German Origin," page 17.

(2) Friedrich Lange, ed., Volkseutschen Kartenskissen, Berlin, Volksbund fuer das Deutschtum im Ausland, May 1937, page 8.

"The German Reich and Americans of German Origin," pages 19 and 20.

The following is a speech by Rudolf Hess at the Conference of German Chambers of Commerce Abroad, Berlin, June 28, 1934:

"You know as well as I do that the one great mistake of the former regime was in not keeping up the ties of blood which connect the Germans in their home country with the Germans abroad; in not having kept these ties alive and in not having used Germanism abroad politically, for the mutual benefit of both of the sections of Germanism. I consider it to be the special duty of the National Socialist state to rectify this mistake and to work out a common basis for co-operation between Germans in the Reich and Germans abroad.

The new Germany needs and expects the cooperation, the spiritual and mental willingness to sacrifice on the part of all her racial comrades abroad. Their positive cooperation shall be included in our great German racial community." (1)

Hans Steinacher, National Leader of the League for Germans Abroad, in his Foreword to 1938 Calendar Issued by League for Germans Abroad," declared:

"Every German racial comrade is responsible to the German nation for his work and his whole existence. German national community reaches far across our boundary lines. We must not think of the borders of the state when we speak of the German nation....." (2)

Ernst Wilhelm Bohle made the following "Proclamation to Members of the Foreign Division of the N.S.D.A.P.:"

"Loyalty, discipline, and blind obedience are the foundation pillars of every branch of the National Socialist movement....." (3)

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- (1) Rudolf Hess, Koden, Berlin, Frank Eher, 1938, page 34.
"The German Reich and Americans of German Origin," page 22.
 - (2) "The German Reich and Americans of German Origin," page 23.
 - (3) Mitteilungsblatt der Auslandsorganisation der Nationalsozialistischen Deutschen Arbeiter-Partei, Hamburg, July 1934, No. 8.
"The German Reich and Americans of German Origin," page 25.

The following is a portion of a speech by Ernst Wilhelm Bohle at a meeting of the Foreign Organization of the N.S.D.A.P., in Nuremberg on September 11, 1936:

"We believe in the eternal values of race and blood and we feel that we are the chosen guardians of these values among Germans abroad. A State, which like our National Socialist Reich has been built upon the strong principles of blood and race, must gather unto itself the people of its own blood.

The Foreign Organization of the National Socialist Party ... aims to retain the German individual whether poor or rich, young or old, in whatever part of the world he may be..." (1)

The following is a portion of a speech of Ernst Wilhelm Bohle delivered at the Congress of Germans Living Abroad, at Stuttgart, on August 30, 1937:

"We National Socialists living abroad reject the concept of such a cosmopolitan German whose chief ambition is to assimilate with the people of the country in which he lives, because this cosmopolitan German not only makes himself ridiculous in the eyes of foreigners, but because he consciously or unconsciously denies his Germanness. We only know the concept of the complete German who as a citizen of his country is always and everywhere a German and nothing but a German, this makes him a National Socialist." (2)

The following is a declaration of Ernst Wilhelm Bohle on the subject of "Foreign Germans—Consolidated Under Adolf Hitler!":

"The leader of the Foreign Organization of the National Socialist Party placed at our disposal the speech which he delivered on the occasion of the Reich Party Congress in Nuremberg in 1935, as his contribution to the book, 'Wir Deutsche in der Welt.'

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- (1) "The German Reich and Americans of German Origin," page 26.
 - (2) Westdeutscher Beobachter, Cologne, August 30, 1937.
 - "The German Reich and Americans of German Origin," page 27.

....We shall see to it that the German spirit shall burn in the hearts of our racial comrades abroad like an eternal flame which cannot be extinguished." (1)

The following is taken from "A Chapter on Germans Abroad, in a German Text-book":

"German People in Foreign Countries

..... According to their new citizenship they no longer belong to the Reich. But they still think and feel in German, they mostly still speak their old German tongue, they still observe the customs and habits of their inherited folkdom, they have German blood in their veins; therefore, they are, nationally speaking, our brothers, our racial comrades, even if they possess the Polish, Czecho-Slovakian or the American citizenship. Nation and state are not identical. Folkdom is much greater than citizenship in a country. Even if one gives up or is compelled to give up one's citizenship, one does not have to give up one's folkdom!

We therefore, rightfully define as German all those of German descent and of German blood, who live abroad. Thirty-five million Germans live outside of the German Reich's borders as German minorities in foreign countries." (2)

"German Youth in the United States

.....We want to bring the Germans in the United States, who in part have become alienated from the German fatherland and from the German nation, back to the great community of blood and fate of all Germans. To this end the spiritual regeneration of the Germans after the model of the homeland is necessary.

When we will have attained this goal, we will organize the Germans in order to give them, after the completion of their spiritual regeneration, economic reinforcement and political schooling.

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- (1) "Wir Deutsche in der Welt, Stuttgart, Verband Deutscher Vereine im Ausland, 1936, pages 9 to 20.
"The German Reich and Americans of German Origin," pages 31 to 34.
 - (2) Franz Fahnemann, ed., Erlebte deutsche Welt, Arbeitsstoffe und Ersehlungen fuer die deutsche Schule, NSZ Rheinfront.
"The German Reich and Americans of German Origin," page 39.

German-Americans, thus prepared, economically rejuvenated and politically active, shall then be used under our leadership in the coming struggle with Communism and Jewry in the reconstruction of America." (1)

The following is the English translation of an item entitled X "Youth in America of German Descendants"

"Some of the most pleasing appearances of the awakening of German customs in America are the efforts for educating the youth. Since immigration of the German people has come to a stand-still, the American German-patriots are becoming more clearly cognizant of the fact that their preservation can be assured only thereby, that the children born over there hold themselves up to their nationality. Consequently, in the course of the past year a large number of kindergartens, youth movements, children-choirs and, above all, language schools were established which today, though they at first are drawing only a conservative number of youths, are continually in the process of building and expansion. In many vicinities of North America during school vacations summer camps are arranged, in which thousands of children of German descent are spending their free time at sport and play. One of the climaxes of the youth-educational projects of this year was the song festival in Chicago where 3000 children sang. This choir is to be attributed to a great number of language schools." (2)

The following statement was made by Adolf Hitler:

"In its capacity as a State, the German Reich must gather all Germans to itself....." (3)

Hitler has also declared:

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- (1) Stuttgarter NS-Kurier, Stuttgart, August 12, 1937.
"The German Reich and Americans of German Origin," page 40.
 - (2) Der Volksdeutsche published in Berlin and dated November 2, 1938.
 - (3) "My Battle," by Adolf Hitler, Houghton Mifflin Company, page 161, (abridged).

"As National-Socialists we see our program in our flag. In the red we see the social ideas of the movement; in the white, the nationalistic; in the swastika the mission of the fight for the victory of the Aryan man....which in itself was anti-Semitic, and will be anti-Semitic eternally." (1)

(1) "Mein Kampf," by Adolf Hitler, Stackpole Sons, Publishers, New York City, page 482, (unexpurgated).

April 3, 1939.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM.

At 3:45 p.m. today I got a call from Mr. Yost of the State Department. He said that they had received Mr. Hoover's letter and the memorandum of facts attached, re the German American Bund and the possibility of its having violated the law requiring the registration of Agents of Foreign Principals. He said that after perusing the memo he thought it would be necessary to show something further than an ideological or spiritual tie-up, that it would probably be necessary to go into the records of the Bund to establish the connection with Germany.

I told him the memo had been submitted to Mr. McMahon before **any** further investigation was undertaken, so that we could have the advice of the criminal division as to just what in particular is wanted, before we undertook what would otherwise result in a general survey. I advised him that if the criminal division desires any further investigation, it will specify the type desired, and that this Bureau will then go forward. He asked to be advised of the desires of the criminal division if and when we receive them. I told him I would call him at such time.

K.R. McIntire.

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April 6, 1939

Time: 10:35 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

Colonel ~~Gates~~ of the Department called and advised they were having a press conference this morning and desired to know if there were anything emanating from the Bureau in this connection. I advised Mr. Gates we had nothing for the press conference. In response to Colonel Gates' inquiry relative to a new drive being conducted by the Bureau in connection with the Nazi situation, I advised him we were making no drive but were conducting an investigation, at the request of the State Department, concerning the registration of alien agents into the German-American Bund.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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April 8, 1939

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Time: 11:50 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I was contacted by Mr. Fisher of the Department relative to a telephone call received by him from Mr. Green of the State Department regarding Fritz Kuhn and another unidentified official, who apparently were applying for passports. According to Mr. Fisher, the State Department referred to a letter from the Bureau dated April 5th indicating we would like to have these applications stopped. Mr. Fisher advised that the State Department told him they could not hold up the applications unless there were indictments against these individuals, but they could probably stall them off until about Tuesday.

I advised Mr. Fisher that this was not a case in which we were interested, but that we did write the State Department a letter under date of April 5th telling them that according to information we had, Herlands, the Commissioner of Investigation of the State of New York, in New York City, had all the books and records belonging to these individuals, and that it was our understanding Kuhn and some other person had applied for a passport. Mr. Fisher was advised that this is a case on which the New York State authorities are making an investigation. In response to Mr. Fisher's inquiry as to whether I knew if the New York authorities contemplated indicting Kuhn or the other individual, I told him I did not know and, of course, we would not be advised by them if indictments were contemplated. He was further advised that the New York Authorities evidently knew about the passport applications.

I advised Mr. Fisher that we are not interested in stopping these passports and that the matter should be taken up with Mr. Herlands, the Commissioner of Investigation of the State of New York, whose name was set forth in the letter to the State Department.

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Respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Reference is made to the letter of Honorable Sumner Welles, Acting Secretary of State, dated March 13, 1939, directed to the Attorney General, concerning the investigation of certain organizations with the thought of ascertaining the existence of a possible violation of the Act of June 8, 1938, requiring the registration with the Secretary of State of Agents of Foreign Principals.

In pursuance thereof conversations were held between representatives of this Bureau and representatives of the Department of State attached to the office of Mr. Joseph C. Green, Chief, Office of Arms and Munitions Control. Conversations were also held with Mr. James C. Dunn, Adviser on Political Relations, as the result of which it was considered advisable to undertake an investigation of three representative organizations, namely -

The German-American Bund - *to [unclear]*
The Communist Party, U.S.A.
The American League for Peace
and Democracy.

With a view to the appropriate consummation of this inquiry the Bureau has prepared memoranda of facts consisting of available data concerning these three organizations. One of each of these memoranda is being transmitted herewith to you for your information.

On March 30, 1939, the Bureau transmitted to Mr. Brien McMahon, Assistant Attorney General, one copy of the memorandum of facts pertaining to the German-American Bund, dated March 29, 1939, with the request that if further investigation were desired concerning the German-American Bund as a possible violator of the Act of June 8, 1938, the Bureau be advised of the particular type of investigation desired.

You are further informed that a copy of the Bureau's memorandum of the German-American Bund, dated March 29, 1939, was transmitted to Mr. Joseph C. Green of the Department of State by letter dated March 30, 1939. At that time Mr. Green was advised that no further investigation

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would be undertaken with regard to the German-American Bund until this Bureau had been specifically advised by the Criminal Division of the Department as to the particular type of inquiry desired.

By memorandum dated April 4, 1939, the Bureau transmitted to Mr. Brian McMahon one copy of the memorandum of facts concerning the American League for Peace and Democracy, dated April 4, 1939. On that occasion Mr. McMahon was advised that further investigation is being undertaken by the appropriate field offices and that copies of reports developing further data as to a possible violation on the part of the American League for Peace and Democracy of the Act of June 8, 1938, would be forwarded to him.

A copy of the memorandum on the American League for Peace and Democracy, dated April 4, 1939, was likewise transmitted to Mr. Joseph C. Green of the Department of State by letter dated April 4, 1939. Mr. Green was advised that further investigation is being undertaken by the Bureau's field offices interested in this matter.

I have today transmitted by memorandum to Mr. Brian McMahon a memorandum of facts concerning the Communist Party, U.S.A., dated April 10, 1939. I am requesting Mr. McMahon to advise me whether, in view of the nature of the information contained in that memorandum any further investigation should be undertaken by this Bureau. A copy of the memorandum concerning the Communist Party, U.S.A. is likewise being transmitted to Mr. Joseph C. Green of the Department of State today with the advice that no further investigation will be undertaken concerning the Communist Party until this Bureau has been specifically advised by Mr. Brian McMahon as to the exact nature of such further investigation as he might deem advisable.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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One copy of each of the following memoranda was sent to Miss Jones on April 13, 1939, with the request that the typists make ten copies of each for future use:

Communist Party - April 10, 1939
American League for Peace and
Democracy - April 4, 1939
German-American Bund, March 29, 1939

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

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At this time I called Mr. Price at the State Department after he had called me twice while I was out of the office on a tour.

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He said that he now has ready for transmittal the material which I requested from him and Mr. Post a couple of weeks ago, and wanted to know who to send it to; that it had been customary for them to send such material to Mr. Fischer of the Department. I told him it would be appreciated if he would send it to Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director, F. B. I., and that it would in turn be sent to me. He said he would do this, though I noted in his words that this was somewhat of a deviation from the usual run of business over these.

K. R. McIntire

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The Secretary of State presents his compliments
to the Honorable the Attorney General and in compliance
with a request made by Mr. McIntyre, of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation, during his visit to the Depart-
ment on March 30, 1939, encloses copies of the documents
indicated below, containing information which it is
believed may be of interest to the Federal Bureau of
Investigation concerning the German-American Bund, *General*
the Communist Party of the United States, and the
American League for Peace and Democracy.

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Despatches Nos. 261, 267,
and 302 from Stuttgart,
Germany (copies).
To Prentiss Gilbert, Esquire,
September 29, 1937 (copy).
Photostat of 3 pages from
The Communist, September 27, 1919. - *copies inc 61-7589-4216*
Memorandum dated April 6, 1939,
with attached photostat of 1 page
from Fight, June 1934. - *copies inc 61-7589-63*

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I am submitting for your information the following data with reference to several cases investigated by the Bureau, showing the status of each case.

By memorandum dated January 3, 1939, Mr. Brian McMahon, Assistant Attorney General, made reference to the testimony of Edwin P. Banta before the Dies Committee Investigating Un-American Activities and requested an investigation into the existence of a conspiracy on the part of the Communist Party or the Workers Alliance or the personnel of the Federal Writers' Project of New York City, and any or all individuals connected with any of these organizations to unlawfully divert public funds to non-Governmental purposes, whether Communist or otherwise.

On January 5, 1939, an investigation in this matter was undertaken. During the course of the inquiry several reports were submitted, copies of all of which were forwarded to Mr. McMahon on April 17, 1939. The investigation itself was completed on March 20, 1939. On April 25, 1939, the Bureau directed a memorandum to Mr. McMahon advising him that he had received all reports submitted in this investigation and that no further inquiries would be conducted in the absence of a request from him specifying the exact nature of the investigation desired. On May 1, 1939, a closing report in this investigation was routed to the Division of Records of the Department.

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The investigation concerning the diversion of public funds to non-Governmental purposes required the interviewing of numerous persons attached to Project No. 1, which is commonly known as the FIVE ARTS PROJECT. This includes The Federal Art Project, The Historical Records Survey, The Federal Writers' Project, The Federal Music Project and the Federal Theatre Project. Investigation failed to disclose proof of a conspiracy to divert Governmental funds to non-Governmental purposes. There were numerous allegations to the effect that employees of the FIVE ARTS PROJECT had encouraged other employees to join the Workers Alliance and the Communist Party. There was no indication of the existence of a conspiracy to utilize Government time for such union or Party activities. In some instances employees were urged by fellow employees to join the

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Workers Alliance as "job protection" and there were instances in which these suggestions bordered upon coercion, but no proof was shown that persons were forced to join the Workers Alliance. Inquiries showed that wherever there had been specific allegations of misconduct on the part of employees or the abuse of their positions, the proper Project officials had taken steps to rectify such abuses. The influence of the more radical elements in the FIVE ARTS PROJECT was generally admitted but it was shown that the officials in charge of these Projects are compelled to employ persons regardless of their political faith. Instances of job discrimination against persons refusing to join the Workers Alliance or the Communist Party were not provable. These assertions were often based upon supposition and without concrete proof.

An allegation was made by Banta to the effect that one Irving Nicholson, employed on the Federal Writers' Project, had gone from New York City to New Jersey on Government time to do organizational work on behalf of the Communist Party. Investigation showed that Nicholson did, in fact, go to New Jersey but there was nothing to show that he was agitating or organizing on behalf of the Communist Party on these occasions.

By memorandum dated January 6, 1939, Mr. Brien McMahon referred the Bureau's attention to Page 1115, Volume 2 of the Hearings before the Dies Committee, in which the following allegation is made by a former Dies investigator, John C. Metcalfe:

"Storm-troops members revealed to this investigator that several of them are aviation mechanics and hinted that they were employed by the Douglas Aircraft Corporation, also Boeing Aircraft. One storm-troop official at this post—that is in Los Angeles—Hans Diebel, stated that he was formerly employed by the Zeppelin Co. in Germany, and also had worked for Zeiss.

herents to the Nazi cause have also slipped into United States Navy yards, where they have obtained employment and securing positions which place them in direct possession of the latest types of ships. They have even been assigned to the construction of United States Navy ships of the latest types. They have even been assigned to the construction of these latest types of ships."

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In connection with this testimony Mr. McMahon requested the Bureau to conduct an investigation of the allegations made by Metcalfe to the effect that Nazi groups are engaging in espionage activities.

This investigation was undertaken immediately but because of the speaking engagements of John C. Metcalfe it was impossible to locate him until February 9, 1939, at Miami, Florida, where he was interviewed. He was unable to furnish the identity of Storm Troopers allegedly employed in aviation plants. He was unable to furnish any specific information with reference to the alleged espionage activities of Hans Diebel. No information of a tangible nature could be obtained from Metcalfe. He advised, however, that he possesses certain notes maintained at his home in Chicago, Illinois, and that by refreshing his memory from such notes he will be able to furnish information in the future. Metcalfe has not returned to Chicago to date, for which reason it has been impossible to complete this portion of the investigation. By memorandum dated April 25, 1939, the Bureau transmitted a copy of a letter of the Miami office of the Bureau, dated February 9, 1939, reporting on the interview with Metcalfe. It was explained to Mr. McMahon that due to Metcalfe's continued absence from Chicago, it had been impossible to interview him at that point where he would have access to his notes.

Mr. McMahon's memorandum of January 6, 1939, also refers to the alleged espionage activities of Karl Neumeister contained on pages 1178 and 1179 of Volume 2 of the Dies Hearings.

This information was furnished to the Dies Committee by John C. Metcalfe in substance as follows:

"Neumeister admitted under questioning that he is engaged in spreading Nazi propaganda. He explained he was doing this kind of work because he believed in the principles of Hitlerism. He admitted blandly that he goes around checking up on people to whom material of this type is mailed from Germany and that he does everything in his power to get these people to take more Nazi propaganda and assist in its distribution throughout the United States."

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"Neumeister, while admitting that he is disseminating propaganda for German agencies and is connected with one of the political subdivisions subsidized by a foreign nation, has not yet registered with the Secretary of State here in Washington, as required under the Act of Congress governing the registration of Agents of Foreign Principals."

Upon interview Karl Neumeister denied that he had ever been interviewed by John C. Metcalfe. He alleged that Metcalfe's testimony before the Dies Committee is a fabrication. He explained that as an American citizen he feels it his duty to assist those interested in establishing the truth concerning Germany. He denied being an Agent of any Foreign Government and claimed as an American citizen his right to distribute literature.

The investigation as to Neumeister was completed on April 4, 1939, and a copy of the report completing the investigation was submitted to the Division of Records on April 11, 1939.

Mr. McMahon's memorandum of January 6, 1939, called the Bureau's attention to Earnest Von Buelow, who was referred to in the Bureau's investigation of Nazi military training camps, upon which a report was submitted on December 31, 1937. The allegation had been made that Von Buelow might possibly be engaged in espionage activities on behalf of the Nazi Government.

The investigation showed that Von Buelow's correct name is Dr. Earnest Ulrich Von Buelow; that Von Buelow is a former member of the Imperial German Army Staff and is known to have entertained high ranking German officials and United States Naval officers at his home in San Diego, California. His stepdaughter is presently married to Vice Admiral Robert Whitthoeft-Kaden, a Naval Attache of the German Embassy, Washington, D. C. Von Buelow has lived in the United States for several years but has made trips back to Germany. He at one time considered becoming an American citizen but since a recent trip to Germany his attitude has apparently changed.

He is considered by those known to him to be a potential danger while in this country, but no evidence of espionage activities on his part was disclosed by the investigation. The inquiry with reference to Von Buelow has now been completed and a copy of the report containing the investigation was submitted to the Division of Records of the Department on April 11, 1939.

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Mr. McMahon's memorandum of January 6, 1939, next made reference to the testimony of Arnold Gingrich before the Dies Committee, particularly to Pages 1221 to 1223. Mr. Arnold Gingrich is the editor of KEN magazine.

In the first instance Mr. Gingrich made reference to letters exchanged between Spencer J. Warwick, reportedly the Ohio Commander of the Silver Shirt Legion of America, and Miss Susan Sterling whose correct name is believed to be Elsie Thewer. Miss Sterling is of Cleveland, Ohio. The apparent purpose in showing this exchange of correspondence was to disclose the relationship between Miss Sterling and the Silvershirts. The Bureau's investigation of the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Incorporated, which will be referred to in more detail later in this memorandum, disclosed an inquiry with reference to Susan Sterling and showed that she is likewise a leader of the Silvershirt organization in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Gingrich next refers to possible espionage activities in behalf of Nazi interests undertaken by one Henry D. Allen and charged:

"The real inside job for the bunds is not merely propaganda and conversion to Nazi ideology but a military organization for sabotage and espionage in the United States in the event of European war, whether we are neutral or not. For this ticklish work the leaders are too smart to use suspected aliens but rely on native Americans."

Investigation conducted in several parts of the country concerning Henry D. Allen discloses that Allen is strongly anti-Semitic in his attitude and has not only associated himself with anti-Semitic organizations but has actively carried on a campaign of anti-Semitism. He was found to have connections with so-called Fascist or vigilante organizations, such as:

The Militant Christian Patriots
The American League of Christian Women
The American Nationalist Confederation
The Silver Shirt Legion of America
The German-American Bund

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The Gold Shirts of Mexico
The American White Guards
James True Associates
Canadian Nationalists and National
Christian Party of Canada
National Liberty Party

and others of a similar character.

The investigation failed to disclose, however, that Allen is interested in any espionage activities but that his interests lie largely in anti-Semitism and anti-Communism.

The investigation as to Henry D. Allen has now been completed and copies of reports covering the investigation of Allen have been submitted to the Division of Records on the following dates:

April 11, 1939
April 19, 1939
April 20, 1939
April 24, 1939.

Mr. Gingrich in his testimony next made reference to possible espionage activities on the part of Edward James Saythe of New York and Ernst Goerner of Chicago, Illinois. Saythe was reported to be the Chairman of the National Committee Against Communism, while Goerner was reported to be a known Nazi propagandist. Gingrich introduced an excerpt from a letter, presumably written by Saythe to Goerner, in which Saythe claimed to receive confidential letters from Germany, in one portion of which he declared:

"I look upon Hitler as the second Jesus Christ of the modern world."

Investigation has thus far failed to locate Edward James Saythe. Inquiries have shown, however, that Saythe is an erratic individual of questioned mental stability and of the promoter type. He is engaged essentially in anti-Semitism and anti-Communism.

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Ernest Goerner was arrested by Department of Justice Agents in August, 1918, for pro-German activities. He is presently carrying on anti-Semitic and anti-Communist activities. On November 13, 1918, a petition was filed to cancel Goerner's Certificate of Naturalization but this petition was dismissed. Goerner was born on November 28, 1878, in Alsace, Germany, and was naturalized in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1914. Investigation failed to disclose that Goerner is receiving any printed matter from abroad with the exception of a few publications obtained through subscription from Germany. Goerner was found to be an erratic and an excitable individual who becomes almost inarticulate when denouncing the Jews and Communists. He is connected with both the German-American Bund and the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Incorporated.

Goerner upon interview explained that he first became acquainted with Smythe through their mutual friend, Karl Neumeister, who has been mentioned hereinbefore. The investigation failed to disclose that Goerner is engaged in any espionage activities. The inquiries with reference to both Goerner and Smythe have been conducted by several of the Bureau's field offices and in so far as Goerner is concerned the investigation is completed. Further investigation is being undertaken looking toward the location of Smythe. Copies of reports concerning Smythe and Goerner have been submitted to the Division of Records on the following dates:

April 11, 1939
April 20, 1939
April 22, 1939
May 1, 1939.

Arnold Gingrich, editor of KEN magazine, has been interviewed on several occasions in an effort to obtain amplification of the statements which he made before the Dies Committee. He disclosed that the information to which he testified before the Committee was published in article form in KEN magazine and that the authors are John L. Spivak and William Miller of Cleveland, Ohio. Spivak was the author of one article entitled "Exposing Native U. S. Plotters," which appeared in KEN magazine on September 8, 1938. It was this article that dealt with the reported espionage activities of Henry D. Allen. Miller is the author of an article entitled "Prelude to American Fascism," which appeared in KEN magazine for August 25, 1938. Both Spivak and Miller have been interviewed. No additional information of value was obtained from either of

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these individuals. Copies of reports recording these interviews were submitted to the Division of Records on -

April 11, 1939
April 21, 1939.

The information furnished by Miller refers almost entirely to the activities of the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Incorporated, and is referred to in greater detail later in this memorandum.

Copies of two reports reflecting the interviews with Arnold Gingrich were submitted to the Division of Records on April 11, 1939.

In his testimony before the Dies Committee Gingrich alleged that in less than a year German espionage in the United States had set up one Section known as Section No. 2 under the direction of Colonel Nicolai and that in addition thereto three new departments known as Nos. 23, 24 and 25, devoted to espionage in the United States, had been set up. He stated that Department 23 specializes in economic espionage; that Department 24 specializes in military intelligence and that Department 25 specializes in Nazi propaganda. Gingrich in his testimony also referred to "Pamphlet No. 7," also known as "Instructions for Our Friends Overseas," from which he quoted, in part, as follows:

"German propaganda in the United States must be handled more tactfully than it has been done before. It will not be possible to subsidize American newspapers except in very rare cases - and only newspapers of minor importance.

The fundamental aim must always be to discredit conditions in the United States and thus make life in Germany seem enviable by contrast. It will, therefore, be to the best interests of the Reich to cooperate secretly with all persons or groups who criticize the American system, regardless on what ground. The line to be taken in all such cases is to exaggerate the strength of Germany and to contrast it with the weakness of democracies."

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Gingrich upon interview explained that he obtained this information from Rene Kraus of New York. Kraus is a former Austrian. He admitted having furnished Gingrich with information concerning Section No. 2 under the direction of Colonel Nicolai and stated he had obtained the information through confidential sources in France. He informed that three new departments had been established, known as Departments Nos. 23, 24 and 25, all devoted to espionage activities in the United States. He declared that the documentary evidence which he originally obtained in France had subsequently been burned. He was of the opinion that "Pamphlet No. 7" could be obtained from sources in France. He stated that subsequent to furnishing the information to KEN magazine he had also destroyed a copy of "Pamphlet No. 7." In brief, Kraus was unable to furnish any data in substantiation of the purported information which he furnished to Arnold Gingrich and to which Gingrich testified before the Dies Committee.

In his memorandum of January 6, 1939, Mr. McMahon referred again to the testimony of Investigator John C. Metcalfe, with particular reference to the activities of Charles Bruce Swift of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, who, according to Metcalfe, had some connection with the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Incorporated. It was found that the correct name for this individual is Charles Burdell Swift, who is a 3rd, Junior Grade Lieutenant, United States Naval Reserve. It was learned that Swift, while acting as an investigator for the Naval Intelligence, arranged for a meeting to be addressed on October 4, 1938, by Roy Zachary, Field Marshal of the Silver Shirt Legion. This address was at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association and the attendance was composed largely of businessmen. Swift claimed that his purpose in arranging this meeting was to obtain information for the benefit of the Naval Intelligence. His explanation was apparently unacceptable to his superiors for he received a letter dated November 21, 1938, signed by J. C. Townsend, Commandant, 4th Naval District, Philadelphia, which is quoted as follows:

"You are instructed, pending any further instructions from the Commandant, to cease all I. V. (S) activities."

A copy of a report covering this was submitted to the Division of Records on April 20, 1939.

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In his memorandum of January 6, 1939, Mr. McMahon also requested a thorough investigation of the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Incorporated, its membership, activity and connections with German Bunds. In keeping with that request an investigation was immediately undertaken throughout the entire United States. The investigation has now been completed and copies of reports have been submitted to the Division of Records of the Department generally as they have been received.

In brief, it may be stated that the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Incorporated, has its headquarters in Asheville, North Carolina; that its leader and moving force is William Dudley Pelley. The Legion centers itself entirely about the person of Pelley. The organization is interested largely in anti-Semitism and anti-Communism. Its principal publication is a weekly magazine called "LIBERATION," which centers its attention on attacking the New Deal and Jewish domination of the United States Government. The magazine "LIBERATION" is said to have a regular subscription list of 5,700 but with a weekly circulation of 10,000 copies. Pelley has published a book entitled "No More Hunger," in which he discusses the ills of the nation. He proposes as a solution thereof the plan of "Christian Economics."

Membership in the Silvershirts is restricted to persons of eighteen years of age who must be native or naturalized Americans of Christian faith without Jewish blood.

Investigation failed to disclose that there is any connection between the Silvershirts and the German-American Bund. Likewise there was no indication that the Silvershirts are engaged in any form of sabotage or espionage detrimental to the interests of the United States Government. No information was obtained tending to disclose that the Silvershirts are Agents of any foreign organization.

The total membership in the organization is most nebulous. Pelley has made exaggerated claims of the membership and the following. He has estimated that there are 150,000 persons in the United States actively interested in the Silvershirts. He was unable, however, to distinguish between the number of persons interested and the number of persons who are actually members of the organization. He further claimed that there are at least one million persons willing to support the principles of his organization at the present time. Investigation showed that there are approximately 12,358 members of the Silvershirt organization.

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in the United States. It is pointed out, however, that these figures are based merely upon claims of local leaders of the organization in the various States. No proof of this membership could be ascertained through an examination of records. There were allegations to the effect that no record of the membership is maintained by any part of the organization.

Among the purposes and aims of the Silvershirts are the discarding of the New Deal, the repeal of the Wagner Act, the National Labor Relations Board and Social Security Act, the prosecution of officials responsible for the disbursement of funds to extend the progress of Jewish Communism, the institution of a Nine-Year-Program for the resuscitation of American business on a Federal-credit financing basis, restrictions of the right to strike when it jeopardizes the public, restriction of Jewish ownership of property to only one city in each State and other aims of a related nature.

The Bureau has prepared a memorandum, dated April 29, 1939, summarizing the entire investigation of the Silvershirt movement throughout the United States. For your information one copy of this memorandum is attached hereto and is considered as Exhibit No. 1.

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Reference is made to the letter of Honorable Sumner Welles, Acting Secretary of State, dated March 13, 1939, directed to the Attorney General, concerning the investigation of certain organizations, with the thought of ascertaining the existence of a possible violation of the Act of June 8, 1938, requiring the registration with the Secretary of State of Agents of Foreign Principals.

In pursuance thereof, conversations were held between representatives of this Bureau and representatives of the Department of State attached to the office of Mr. Joseph C. Green, Chief, Office of Arms and Munitions Control. Conversations were also held with Mr. James C. Dunn, Adviser on Political Relations, as the result of which it was considered advisable to undertake an investigation of three representative organizations, namely:

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The American League for Peace
and Democracy

With a view to the appropriate consummation of this inquiry, the Bureau has prepared memoranda of facts consisting of available data concerning these three organizations. The memorandum of fact pertaining to the German-American Bund was completed on March 29, 1939, and by memorandum of March 30, 1939, one copy thereof was transmitted to Mr. Brian McMahon, Assistant Attorney General, with the request that if further investigation were desired concerning the German-American Bund as a possible violator of the Act of June 8, 1938, the Bureau be advised of the particular type of investigation desired.

You are further informed that a copy of the Bureau's memorandum on the German-American Bund dated March 29, 1939, was transmitted to Mr. Joseph C. Green of the Department of State by letter dated March 30, 1939. At that time Mr. Green was advised that no further investigation would be undertaken with regard to the German-American Bund until this Bureau had been specifically advised by the Criminal Division of the Department as to the particular type of inquiry desired.

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The memorandum of fact as to the German-American Bund discloses briefly that the Bund was established on June 1, 1938, its predecessors having been the "National Socialist Association", "Teutonia", and "The League of the Friends of the New Germany". Fritz Kuhn, the present Bund leader, was elected to that position on December 1, 1937. The study prepared by the Bureau fails to disclose any direct agency relationship between the Bund and the German Government or any organization operating within the confines of the Third Reich. There is, however, a striking similarity between the purposes and aims of the Bund and the Foreign Organization of the German Government. Briefly, the Bund is interested in Anti-Semitism, Anti-Communism; the defense of the good name and honor of Germany in this country, and opposing the boycott of German goods in the United States. It is likewise interested in the perpetuation of the German culture and language and has taken steps to insure the perpetuation of that language and that culture.

For your information, there is attached hereto a copy of the Bureau's memorandum of fact on the German-American Bund dated March 29, 1939, which is considered Exhibit No. 1.

The Bureau also prepared a memorandum of fact concerning the American League for Peace and Democracy. This memorandum was completed on April 4, 1939, and by memorandum dated April 4, 1939, the Bureau transmitted to Mr. Brian McMahon one copy of this memorandum of fact concerning the American League for Peace and Democracy. On that occasion, Mr. McMahon was advised that further investigation is being undertaken by the appropriate field offices, and that copies of reports developing further data as to a possible violation on the part of the American League for Peace and Democracy of the Act of June 8, 1938, would be forwarded to him. A copy of the memorandum on the American League for Peace and Democracy was likewise transmitted to Mr. Joseph C. Green of the Department of State by letter dated April 4, 1939. Mr. Green was advised that further investigation is being undertaken by the Bureau's field offices interested in this matter. Reports are currently being received from various field offices and are being transmitted to the Division of Records of the Department. The investigation as to the American

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League for Peace and Democracy has not been completed, but the inquiry thus far discloses the following facts in brief:

The American League is an outgrowth of the World Congress Against War held in Amsterdam, Holland, in August, 1922. In 1923 a United States Congress Against War was held, out of which grew the present American League for Peace and Democracy. The inspiration for the international organization was Henri Barbusse, a leading French Communist, who came to the United States to assist in the organizational work here. The American League is today one of 33 national organizations constituting the World Committee Against War and Fascism. At its inception, the American League was dominated to a large extent by Communist interests, Earl Browder being a leading figure in its development. Donald Henderson, a known Communist, was also a leader in the organizational drive for the League in America. Another of its organizers was John B. Matthews, an admitted "Fellow-Traveler" of the Communist Party. Earl Browder, addressing the 13th Plenum of the Executive Committee of the Communist International, soon after the establishment of the League in the United States, declared in part "We led a highly successful U.S. Congress Against War... The Congress from the beginning was led by our party quite openly..."

Dr. Harry F. Ward, Chairman of the American League, has vigorously disclaimed any connection between the League and the Communist Party or the Communist International. He has challenged the Dies Committee to subpoena appropriate officers of the League for the purpose of establishing this fact. While there is a general disclaimer of any direct connection between the League and the Communist Party, U.S.A., or the Communist International, the facts have been shown that the League itself is a United Front movement, in keeping with the United Front program of the Communist International; that it was founded internationally by the leading French Communist at that time, and that it was established in America by virtue of the services of that leading French Communist namely Henri Barbusse, and the efforts of other leading American Communists or Fellow-Travelers, such as Earl Browder, Donald Henderson, J. B. Matthews and many others. The most striking connection between the League and the Communist Party is the similarity of their programs. At its inception, the League was

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interested in defending the Soviet Union, giving false praise to the accomplishments of the Soviet Union and a general attack upon the capitalist form of government. Continued investigation is being made in this matter to determine whether the American League is an agent of a Foreign Principal.

For your information, there is attached hereto and considered Exhibit No. 3, one copy of the Bureau's memorandum on the American League for Peace and Democracy dated April 4, 1939.

On April 10, 1939, the Bureau completed a memorandum of fact concerning the Communist Party, U.S.A., a copy of that memorandum being transmitted to Mr. Brien McMahon by memorandum of the same date. At that time, Mr. McMahon was requested to advise me whether, in view of the nature of the information contained in the memorandum of fact as to the Communist Party, any further investigation should be undertaken by this Bureau. A copy of the memorandum concerning the Communist Party, U.S.A., was likewise transmitted to Mr. Joseph C. Green of the Department of State by letter dated April 10, 1939, with the advice that no further investigation would be undertaken concerning the Communist Party until this Bureau received advice from Mr. Brien McMahon as to the exact nature of such further investigation as he might deem advisable.

In brief, the memorandum of fact with reference to the Communist Party, U.S.A., shows that it is a section of the Third (Communist) International, the latter having been established in Moscow, in March, 1919; that as a section of the Communist International, it is bound to obey and fulfill the program adopted by the Communist International and the decisions, not only of the World Congresses of the Communist International which are held periodically, but of the directives of the Executive Committee of the Communist International which are issued at more frequent intervals. It is shown that the Communist Party makes a general disclaimer of being controlled by the international organization at Moscow, but in spite of the disclaimer, it is shown that without exception, the Communist Party, U.S.A., fulfills those obligations imposed upon it by the decisions of the Communist International.

For your information, there is attached hereto one copy of the Bureau's memorandum of fact concerning the Communist Party, dated April 10, 1939, and considered Exhibit No. 4.

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Under date of January 30, 1939, Assistant Attorney General Brian McMahon addressed a memorandum to me in which he related that the State Department has had occasion to consider the cases of several organizations and persons whose activities, according to the information received by it, would appear to be of such a nature as to require them to register pursuant to the Public Act No. 583 - 75th Congress, approved on June 8, 1938, requiring the registration of agents of foreign principals. Mr. McMahon enclosed a copy of the Secretary of State's letter on the subject, and it was requested that an investigation be made of the following organizations and persons:

Ankino Corporation
Booknigh Corporation
Count Anastasi Vonsistaky
The James True Associates
Il Grido della Stirpe
Edgar W. Hunt

The investigations requested in connection with this memorandum have been completed with the exception of the Il Grido della Stirpe and the Kiyoshi K. Kawakami cases. In the Il Grido della Stirpe investigation a comprehensive report has been submitted, but certain individuals who were to be interviewed were found to be temporarily out of this country. They will be interviewed upon their return and the appropriate reports submitted.

The investigation as to Kiyoshi K. Kawakami has been completed with the exception of interviewing Kawakami, who is in Japan. Upon the return of Kawakami, he will be interviewed and an appropriate report submitted.

The following is a brief summarization of the results of our investigative efforts as to each of the organizations and corporations mentioned above:

ANKINO CORPORATION

The Ankino Corporation was incorporated in New York state on November 29, 1926, to manufacture, purchase, and deal in motion pictures and perform allied activities. Its principal activities have been the

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purchase of films produced in Russia and sold by Soyuzintorkino, a Soviet State organization having exclusive export rights. The policy of the Amkino Corporation is to have its President, a Russian citizen, hold the entire stock of the Corporation in trust for the Soviet interests. Officials and attorneys of the Amkino Corporation claim it is not an agent of a foreign principal according to their interpretation of the Registration Act. Many of the films distributed by them are apparently of a political nature.

On March 29, 1939, a comprehensive report reflecting our investigative efforts was forwarded to the State Department and the Department. Under date of April 20, 1939, the State Department advised that the Amkino Corporation had registered pursuant to the requirements of the Registration Act, further indicating that it appeared, therefore, that no further investigation need be made in respect to this organization.

BOOKNIGA CORPORATION

The Bookniga Corporation was incorporated in New York state on October 4, 1935, for the purpose of purchasing and distributing books and literature of all kinds and for other incidental activities. It acts as exclusive distributor in North and South America for the Soviet State book agency Mezhdunarodnaja Kniga of Moscow, USSR, also acting as purchaser of books published in the United States, for that agency. Much of the material sold by the Bookniga Corporation is purely of a political nature.

Mr. Raphael Rush, Vice President, claims that the Bookniga Corporation is not an agent of a foreign principal, according to their interpretation of the Registration Act.

Copies of a report reflecting our investigative efforts in regard to this case were forwarded to the State Department under date of March 25, 1939, and to the Department under date of April 19, 1939. The State Department has indicated that the Bookniga Corporation should register pursuant to the requirements of the Registration Act. Facts in connection with this case have been referred to Mr. Erien McMahon, Assistant Attorney General, for an opinion as to whether the activities of the Bookniga Corporation are in violation of the Registration Act.

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COUNT ANASTASI VONSIATSKY

An extensive investigation failed to disclose that the activities of Count Anastasi Vonsiatzky are in violation of the provisions of the Registration Act. Copies of a closing report in connection with this investigation were forwarded to the State Department and to the Department under date of April 12, 1939.

THE JAMES TRUE ASSOCIATES

A complete investigation was conducted concerning James True, trading as the James True Associates, without disclosing that the activities of that organization were in violation of the provisions of the Registration Act. Copies of a closing report in regard to this investigation were forwarded to the State Department and to the Department under date of March 29, 1939.

IL GRIDO DELLA STIRPE

Il Grido della Stirpe was incorporated in New York state in 1924, for the purpose of publishing, printing, and selling books, papers, and the like, and of conducting other activities necessary to this business. Domenico Trombetta, editor, was indicted for the murder of Salvatore Arena, following a riot between Fascists and anti-Fascists at Garibaldi's Shrine, Staten Island, on July 4, 1932. He was acquitted on October 28, 1932. Trombetta claims he alone is responsible for the policy and finances of his paper, and denies any connection with or subsidization by any foreign person or group.

This investigation, as related above, is pending the interviewing of certain individuals who were found to be temporarily out of the country. On March 29, 1939, a report reflecting the investigative efforts in connection with this case was forwarded to the State Department and to the Department.

EDGAR W. HUNT

Edgar W. Hunt, Lambertville, New Jersey, General Counsel for the North German Lloyd Steamship Line, does not believe his duties

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as general counsel of this company brings him within the provisions of the Registration Act. Hunt is currently being paid an annual retainer, together with additional yearly payments representing fees for past services rendered the North German Lloyd Line for prosecuting the latter's claims for compensation following the World War.

A closing report in connection with this matter was forwarded to the State Department and to the Department under date of May 2, 1939.

KIYOSHI K. KAWAKAMI

Kiyoshi K. Kawakami, a native of Japan, is self-admitted correspondent and representative since 1923 of the Osaka Mainichi Publishing Company, publishers of the Tokyo Daily News and the Osaka Daily News. Mr. Kawakami is the author of several books published in New York and numerous articles published in domestic magazines and daily papers. The investigation disclosed that he departed from San Francisco, California, on January 19, 1939, for Japan and is not expected to return from the Orient until May or June, 1939.

Under date of April 28, 1939, by memorandum addressed to Assistant Attorney General Brian McMahon, I transmitted each of the reports submitted in connection with this case and asked that an opinion be rendered as to whether there is an indication that the Registration Act has been violated by Kiyoshi K. Kawakami. Each of the reports submitted in this case has previously been submitted to the State Department. As indicated above, upon the return of Mr. Kawakami, he will be interviewed relative to this matter.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director